

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- Essential Questions are an integral part of Stage One
- Essential Questions should be revisited many times throughout the unit
- Students can change their thinking in relation to the Essential Questions



ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS	<p>Should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Open ended ○ Debatable ○ Able to foster inquiry ○ Able to promote further questions ○ Re-visited frequently throughout the unit ○ Be aligned with lesson concepts
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TYPES OF QUESTIONS

LEADING	GUIDING	HOOK	ESSENTIAL
What are the names of the 5 food groups?	What do we mean by a balanced diet?	Can what you eat help prevent acne?	What should we eat to be healthy and have energy?

WHAT MAKES A QUESTION ESSENTIAL?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → gets to the heart of a subject → has no simple “right” answer → is controversial | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → promotes more questions → is open ended to encourage thought → is debatable |
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EXAMPLES

- What makes a true friend?
- How could alternative energy sources benefit us over time?
- How is geometry used in the real world?
- What is the connection between reading and writing?

NON-EXAMPLES

- What do I need to do to become a _____?
- Are electric cars better for the environment?
- What happened at the beginning of the story?

HOW DO I WRITE AN ESSENTIAL QUESTION?

STEP ONE	Start with your topic and narrow it a little	Multiple perspectives change our thinking
STEP TWO	Use your narrowed topic to write a thesis statement	Identity and personal narrative and identity
STEP THREE	Now turn this thesis statement into a question	How does your story impact your understanding?