

Deeper Thinking Questions

Explanation: Deeper Thinking Questions are questions that are not just easy to answer. We will create DTQs for texts and topics we read, write, and discuss. A true DTQ forces the reader to look back into the text, consider the author's opinion or purpose and/or think about their own thoughts and feelings as well. Most importantly, DTQs require evidence or quotes to prove ideas. At times, Ms. Settles will give you DTQs to answer as well as ask you to write your own DTQs. Refer to the chart below to better understand how to create Deeper Thinking Questions. We will edit our DTQs in class and improve upon them for use in writing assignments as well as discussion formats. DTQs, just like annotations can also be connected to Reading Anchor Standards. Each standard can be used to create DTQs about texts.

UNDERSTANDING DEEPER THINKING QUESTIONS **(DTQ'S)**

What makes it a DTQ?

"BARF BACK" Question: One that asks for a one word answer that is found directly in the reading.

Ex. Who was selected for the Hunger Games in the first book?
Answer: Prim Everdeen

NOT A DTQ

"AUTHOR/READING AND YOU" Question:

This type of question is related to a reading, but also requires inferencing by the reader and/or prior knowledge from the reader to fully provide a response to the question.

Ex. What was Katniss' strategy in surviving the Hunger Games? Use a quote to explain her strategy. Do you predict that this strategy will work? What other strategies could work in her situation?

THIS IS A DTQ!

"SEARCH AND FIND" Question: One that asks a question that can be answered quickly from information directly found in one reading.

Ex. What did Katniss say when she took Prim's place for the Hunger Games?
Answer: "I volunteer as tribute".

NOT A DTQ

"AUTHOR/READING" Question:

This type of question requires a reader to go deep into the book and to provide evidence that is in the form of textual clues or simply strong evidence/facts. The *difference* between this question and a "search and find" is in the explanation. The reader must provide an explanation of how the evidence supports a claim being made by the author.

Ex. What message about society does the author/director portray in the movie/book? Create a claim and back it up with evidence and explanation.

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