

The "Q" Chart

The Q-chart below gives a framework for creating questions – Start your question with a word from the first column and add a verb from the top row. The combination you choose will drive your question. For the purposes of your seminar, you should avoid creating discussion questions that lie within the "Factual" or Analytical boxes on the Q chart. These types of questions can be expected on the pre-seminar quizzes.

Discussion question should lie within the "Predict" and the "Synthesis and Application" boxes. For example, "When would...?" or "Why might...?" are good beginnings for discussion questions. Avoid starting discussion questions with starters such as "What did...?" or "How can...?"

	Is	Did	Can	Would	Will	Might
What	Factual			Predict		
Where						
When						
Who	Analytical			Synthesis and Application		
Why						
How						

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