

## CHARACTERISTICS CHECKLIST

Characteristics of a "Great" Question	Characteristics of a "Lame" Question
<p>A great question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ is clear and easy to understand.</li> <li>✓ is as short as possible.</li> <li>✓ requires a thoughtful and extended answer.</li> <li>✓ focuses on an important topic or idea.</li> <li>✓ includes background information.</li> </ul>	<p>A lame question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ is confusing or hard to understand.</li> <li>✓ is too short or too long.</li> <li>✓ requires only a simple, no-brainer ("no-duh") answer.</li> <li>✓ focuses on trivial or unimportant things.</li> <li>✓ doesn't include necessary background information.</li> </ul>
Characteristics of a "Great" Answer	Characteristics of a "Lame" Answer
<p>A great answer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ is clear and easy to understand.</li> <li>✓ stays on topic.</li> <li>✓ shows excellent thinking about the book and beyond.</li> <li>✓ includes relevant evidence and supporting details.</li> </ul>	<p>A lame answer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ is confusing or hard to understand.</li> <li>✓ includes information that isn't related or isn't needed.</li> <li>✓ makes you wonder if they actually read or thought about the book.</li> <li>✓ doesn't include relevant evidence or supporting details.</li> </ul>

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