

# Asking & Answering Questions

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Appropriate  
For:

- Grades 4–12
- English language arts
- Science
- History



Students  
Will:

1. Read a “chunk” of text.
2. Write a specific or wide question about important information or facts.
3. Answer the question and cite textual evidence.



Specific  
Questions

- Questions can be answered in one word or one sentence.
- Answers can be found word for word in the text.
- *Example:* What is the largest ocean?



Wide  
Questions

- Questions can be answered using information from multiple places in the text or by making inferences.
- Answers require one or more sentences.
- *Example:* How was the experience of the colonists different from what they expected?