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.

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

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…?"*

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