

# Thin Questions vs. Thick Questions

## Thin Questions

- \*Can be answered very easily
- \*Usually can be answered with one word
- \*There is not much discussion needed to answer a thin question
- \*The answer can be easily found-It is "Googleable"
- \*Answers are on the surface

## Examples of Thin Questions

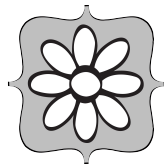
When was the structure built?

Who built the structure?

What is the architectural style of the structure?

How tall is the structure?

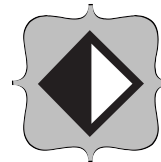
Where is the structure located?



## Thick Questions

- \*Harder to answer
- \*Needs evidence to help answer the question
- \*There might be many answers
- \*Answers have depth
- \*Need background knowledge to help answer the question
- \*Answers might be open-ended: "Non-Googleable"

## Question Starters for THICK Questions



What is the impact...

What is the influence...

What is the relationship...

How has it changed over time...

What would happen...

What could happen...

What is the result...

How can you use...

What is the cause...

What is the effect...

How can you change or modify...

What could be done to improve...

