

the TDA Writer's Guide

A Checklist for Writing Better TDA Questions

Text Dependent Analysis questions will meet **ALL** of the follow criteria.

QUESTIONS

MUST

Requires answer found only through close reading of the text

Requires students to explain/defend selected evidence

Requires gathering evidence and building knowledge

Requires access to increasing level of complex text

Requires time to process questions and formulate responses

Requires insight beyond just recalling facts

MUST NOT

Depend on information from outside sources

Ask students about their own experiences

Have only one correct answer or response

Have students only cite an answer from the text - **MUST** also ask **WHY** or **HOW SO**