

# How do I Start to Write a Good Questions?

## When writing a question:

### DO NOT:

- Make the question an ‘either/or/as’
  - Ex. Are GMOs harmful or helpful?
  - Ex. Are bottled sodas just as harmful as water bottles?

### DO NOT:

- Make it ‘to what extent...’
  - Ex. To what extent are factory farms bad?

### DO NOT:

- Make it too wordy
  - Ex. Is increasing regulation of industrial pollution necessary to prevent aquatic biome from further deterioration?

### DO NOT:

- Make it US specific.
  - Ex. Is the FDA effective?

### DO NOT:

- Use terms that are up to interpretation.
  - Ex. “good”, “dangerous”, “effective”

### DO NOT:

- Choose a question that is hard to argue both sides for.

Ex. Does slavery exist in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

### DO NOT:

- Say something along the lines of “...positives outweigh the negatives...”
  - Ex. Do the benefits of using clean energy outweigh the negatives?

### DO:

- Make clever questions.
  - Ex. Is fashion killing you?
- Use sophisticated vocabulary.
  - Ex. Are anti-western feelings woven into the culture of the middle east?
- Make it global.
  - Ex. Is the movement of refugees shaping the global economy?
- Make it original.
  - Ex. Is female genital mutilation a global concern?
- Make it something you are interested in.
  - Ex. Genocide is the answer to the world over-population. OR Why is beauty determined by the media?

