

Question Exploration Device Checklist

Teacher: _____

Rater Name: _____

Date: _____

Total Score _____ /40

Rating Guide: 2 = Present and correct, 1 = Present, but needs improvement, 0 = Missing or Incorrect

Feature	Rating	Enhancements or Feedback
The CRITICAL QUESTION:		
1. Targets the most important ideas/content of the lesson, unit, or course.	2 1 0	
2. Is a big idea question that students cannot immediately answer (usually a “how”, “why” or broader “what” question).	2 1 0	
3. when answered makes abstract or complex content and relationships more understandable.	2 1 0	
4. is useful for studying (includes information that will most likely be assessed).	2 1 0	
The KEY TERMS & EXPLANATIONS:		
5. are each explained briefly.	2 1 0	
6. are the important words or phrases that must be understood to discuss and answer the question.	2 1 0	
7. are clear and student friendly.	2 1 0	
The SUPPORTING QUESTIONS & ANSWERS		
8. are used to “unpack” or break apart the Critical Question (written in box 3).	2 1 0	
9. have answers for each question written in the box; physically aligned to the question.	2 1 0	
10. lead to the Main Idea Answer and the Critical Question.	2 1 0	
11. often represent a coherent short answer to the question leading up to the Main Idea Answer.	2 1 0	
The MAIN IDEA ANSWER		
12. is written concisely.	2 1 0	
13. is a broad answer that can be used later in a variety of ways.	2 1 0	
14. fully incorporates understandings constructed from the key terms and smaller questions.	2 1 0	
USE IN A RELATED AREA:		
15. is a question prompting students to explore the Main Idea answer in greater depth.	2 1 0	
16. requires students to explore the Main Idea answer within the same subject.	2 1 0	
17. challenges students to deal with more extensive information, manipulating it differently.	2 1 0	
REAL WORLD USE		
18. challenges students to show how the Main Idea applies to the real world.	2 1 0	
19. is written in student-friendly language, helping students to use the critical content.	2 1 0	
20. results in generalization of the Main Idea OR is a Challenge Question.	2 1 0	