

# Questioning

**Closed-ended questions:** This type of question has only one correct answer. It may be a short one word, such as 'yes' or 'no' or other factual information which may be quite detailed. For example, "Are you hungry?", "Where do you live?"

**Open-ended questions:** (Interpretive or evaluative) These types of questions have more than one right answer. They probe for a person's knowledge, opinions, or feelings.

- 1) **Interpretive** questions must be supported with evidence  
Example: "What economic factors helped the North win the Civil War?"
- 2) **Evaluative** questions ask for opinion, belief, or point of view and have no wrong answers. "What superhero has the greatest powers?"

Website Resources:

["Teaching Students to Ask Their Own Questions"- QFT Technique](#) by Dan Rothstein and Luz Santana

## Open and Closed Question Signs

The hand signs below may be used to non-verbally identify open and closed questions.



CLOSE

Begin with flat hands palms-facing, close to palms-down sides meeting



OPEN

Begin with both hands palms down and sides touching, move apart and end with palms facing up