

TYPES OF QUESTIONS

Closed-Ended Question

Usually begin with *did, what, where, or when*

A closed question can be answered with either a single word or a short phrase.

- They give you *facts*.
- They are *easy* to answer.
- They are *quick* to answer.

Examples:

- Did the Pilgrims travel to America on a ship?
- Where was the first colony that the European settlers created?

Open-Ended Questions

Usually begin with *how or why*

It opens the door to possibilities! An open question is likely to receive a long answer (paragraph, essay).

- You have to *think* and reflect about the answers.
- They will give you *opinions* and *feelings*.
- They ask for elaboration (explaining why something is).
- May have two parts of a question. (What are some weapons the indigenous people used? How did each one help their tribe?)

Example: Why did Europeans want to explore America?

Q FOCUS QUESTION PROTOCOL

- Ask as many questions as you can.
- Do not stop to answer, judge or discuss the questions.
- Record the question exactly as it is given.
- Change any statement into a question.