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Class _____

Checking Your Essential Question

Topic: _____

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USE THESE CRITERIA TO EVALUATE YOUR ESSENTIAL QUESTION	YES	NO
Narrow and specific enough to be explored thoroughly for this assignment. [Good ex.: What was the role of the French Underground during World War II? Too broad: How was World War II won?]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deep enough that you will need multiple sources to answer them. [ex.: What is the impact of cyberbullying on society?]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complex enough that they require causes, effects, recommendations, solutions, and multiple points of view. [ex.: How do attitudes toward gun control influence public policy?]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Balanced between fact and interpretation – questions require factual evidence and yet offer the opportunity for interpreting the evidence, forming opinions, and drawing conclusions. [ex.: Why should we care about global warming?]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Structured around different levels of thought (not only who, what, when, where questions, but also how , why , what caused , and what if questions). [exs: What were the circumstances surrounding the Emancipations Proclamation? How did the Emancipation Proclamation affect the country and people of the time?]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Revise your essential question so that it satisfies most of the criteria.

