Levels of Questioning

**Level One** questions can be answered using facts in the text or easily accessible information in other texts. They are fact based. If it’s a Level One question, you can literally put your finger on the answer in the text.

Example: How did Maggie get burned?

**Level Two** questions can be answered after interpreting or analyzing text. They are inference-based. The answer is an inference. If it’s a Level Two question, you can put your finger on the evidence to support your answer.

Example: How does Maggie’s internal conflict affect her response to Dee? Explain.

**Level Three** questions are open-ended. They ask us to go beyond the text and to bring our own personal experience into the discussion in addition to evidence from the text. These questions will provoke discussion of an abstract idea or issue. You shouldn’t have to read the piece to answer a Level Three question, but it helps.

Example: Are being assertive and showing self-confidence positive or negative character traits? Explain.