What is a good question - or rather, how does a good question challenge students to demonstrate higher order thinking and communicate depth of knowledge? In this workshop, you will learn how to rephrase the performance objectives of college and career ready standards into good questions that will set the instructional focus and serve as assessments for deeper student-centered learning experiences.

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