Example of NBCT Reader Coach Questions for Questions

**NBPTS Instructional Context Question**

What are the relevant characteristics of this class that influenced your instructional strategies for this theme or topic of concern: ethnic, cultural, and linguistic diversity; the range of abilities of the students; the personality of the class?

**Hypothetical Candidate Response**

“The relevant characteristics of my class are that I have 60% Caucasian, 25% Hispanic, and 15% African-American students. 30% of students read on grade level and 15% are bi-lingual. 62% do not meet standards on the state test and 5% are on the honor roll. This class is active and cooperative.”

**NBCT Reader Coach Questions about the Question**

I can see you used part of the question in your response and you gave percentages for the suggested characteristics.

- How can you show evidence that you know your students’ characteristics and you select instructional strategies because of the characteristics of your students?
- Reread the question in your portfolio instructions to see if you answered all parts of the question and made the logical connections requested.
- How can you show the relevant characteristics that influenced your selection of instructional strategies?
- What instructional strategies did you select for this topic because 30% read on grade level? Did this work for the other 70%? If not, what did you select for the other 70%?
- What strategies did you select because of the ethnicity percentages you stated?
- What strategies did you select because 15% are bi-lingual or 62% did not meet state standards?
- What do any of these characteristics have to do with the choices you made for this theme or topic of concern?