



## Weekly Discussion Questions 11/11/2024

[Weiford, Linda. "That's No Lady \(Bug\): Lookalike Lady Beetle Is as Helpful as It Is Harmful." \*The Spokesman-Review\*, 18 Nov. 2024](#)

### Classroom Discussion Question Grades 9-12

**Critical Analysis:** Why do you think the introduction of the multicolored Asian lady beetle to control agricultural pests is described as a “mixed blessing”?

**Comparative Thinking:** How does the Asian lady beetle differ from the native ladybug in terms of behavior and physical characteristics?

**Problem-Solving:** Considering their benefits in controlling aphids, how can we strike a balance between utilizing the Asian lady beetle and managing its drawbacks?

### Classroom Discussion Question Grades 6-8

**Critical Thinking:** Why do you think the Asian lady beetle is called a “mixed blessing”?

**Observation Skills:** What are some ways the Asian lady beetle is different from the native ladybug?

**Problem-Solving:** How can we keep the good things the Asian lady beetle does for gardens while stopping it from being a problem in homes?

### Classroom Discussion Question Grades 1-5

**Thinking About Words:** Why do people say the Asian lady beetle is both good and bad?

**Noticing Differences:** How is the Asian lady beetle different from a regular ladybug?

**Solving Problems:** What can we do to keep Asian lady beetles from coming inside our houses?