Judith E. Hector* (jhector@utk.edu), 500 S. Davy Crockett Pkwy., Morristown, TN, and Jackie Vogel (vogelj@apsu.edu), Mathematics Box 4226, Clarksville, TN. Exploring Students' Mathematical Thinking with Open-Ended Questions.

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