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Baseball Strategy: The Game Within the Game

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Imagine you are a pitcher with a full count (3 balls and 2 strikes) facing a batter known for their power hitting. Describe the pitch selection and location strategy you might employ in this high-pressure situation.
2. In a tied game with a runner on third base and one out, discuss the strategic considerations for the defensive team and the offensive team. How might each team try to gain the advantage?
3. Share your thoughts on why baseball is often referred to as a "chess match" due to its strategic elements and the importance of outsmarting opponents.
4. Imagine you are the manager of a baseball team, and your starting pitcher is struggling early in the game. Describe your thought process and strategy for deciding when to make a pitching change and which relief pitcher to bring into the game.

