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DATA 420 — Spring 2024  
Reading check #6: Silver chapter 3  
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1. What's PECOTA? (You don't have to remember what it stands for; just describe what it is.)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Which of the following aspects of baseball does Nate Silver *not* say is especially difficult to measure and predict?
  - hitting (batting)
  - defense (fielding)
  - pitching
  - how minor leaguers will fare in the major leagues
  
3. In analyzing why scouts didn't recognize the star talent in Dustin Pedroia, Silver explains that our first instinct is often:
  - to focus on what's flashy instead of what's fundamental
  - to analyze data to death instead of looking at the broader picture
  - to only value individuals who act or look noticeably "different" than the norm
  - to place information into a small, preset number of categories
  
4. In the "post-Moneyball era," how would you describe the role and perceived importance of traditional scouting?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Silver talks about innovators "thinking very big" and "thinking very small." What does he say about this?