Consider these explanations for the fact that my shirt is green. Ask yourself both what is good about each explanation (if anything), and what is undesirable about each one (if anything).

1. My shirt is green because it wishes to be green.

2. My shirt is green because Zeus is feeling happy and peaceful.

3. My shirt is green because, on the day the seamstress was spinning the cotton, Venus, the planet that rules green things, was in Scorpio, the domain of shirts.

4. My shirt is green because a Green Spirit lives inside of it.

5. My shirt is green because it is made out of almost imperceptible bits of green matter, gathered together to make one big green thing.

6. My shirt is green because it is composed of fire and water, held together by the atmospheric pressure and the effect of gravity on their parts. Fire and water combine to make steam, and steam is green when packed tightly together, which happens whenever it condenses into a solid under the influence of atmospheric pressure and gravity.

7. My shirt is not really green. It only looks that way because you cannot see it for what it truly is.

8. My shirt is green because my eyes react to something in the material in a way that produces an experience of "green" in my visual field.

9. My shirt is green because in white, full-spectrum light, it reflects some wavelengths of light, and absorbs others. The wavelengths it reflects are perceived by our eyes as falling within the "green" range.

10. My shirt's color cannot be explained....it is a basic fact about the world which is beyond our powers to understand.