

HOMework

CRITICAL THINKING

Critical thinking is a learned skill. Awareness of how we respond to opportunities for improvement, problem solving, challenges, etc. begins the process of improving these skills.

Instructions:

- 1. Be observant of your interactions with people & issues for the following week.**
- 2. Be aware of your thinking (thinking about thinking).**
- 3. Summarize your response to a challenge/opportunity faced during the past week (that you're willing to share).**

1. ***Truth-seeking***
 - a. Do you try to understand how things really are?
 - b. Are you interested in finding out the truth?
2. ***Open-mindedness***
 - a. How receptive are you to new ideas, even though intuitively they do not agree with you?
 - b. Do you give them a fair hearing?
3. ***Analyticity***
 - a. Do you try to understand the reasons behind things?
 - b. Do you act impulsively or do you evaluate the pros and cons of your decisions?
4. ***Systematicity***
 - a. Are you systematic in your thinking?
 - b. Do you break down a complex problem into parts?
5. ***Confidence in Reasoning***
 - a. Do you always defer to other people?
 - b. How confident are you in your own judgment?
 - c. Do you have reasons for your confidence?
 - d. Do you have a way to evaluate your own thinking?
6. ***Inquisitiveness***
 - a. Do you ask questions?
7. ***Maturity of Judgment***
 - a. Do you jump to conclusions?
 - b. Do you try to see things from different perspectives?
 - c. Do you take other people's experiences into account?