

**Associate Level Material**

**Appendix A**

**Stages of Critical Thinking**

Complete the matrix by identifying the two stages of critical thinking, describing how to move from each stage to the next, and listing strategies you may use to advance from the last stage of critical thinking.

Stages of Critical Thinking	How to Move to the Next Stage	Strategies to Moving to the Next Stage
1. Confused		
The Confused Thinker	Confused by thinking or finding problems that affect my thinking.	Learning myself about the effectiveness of my thinking.
The Challenged Thinker	Realize that I am aware of problems in my thinking that I need to fix them.	Keep struggling using to figure out how to fix the problems with my thinking.
The Beginning Thinker	Identify specific improving my thinking more often.	Try to fix the problems with persistence when trying to practice more often with my thinking.
The Practicing Thinker	Realize that I realize more practice is a must, I need to keep at it.	Try to keep going. Struggle to motivate myself to keep practicing.
The Advanced Thinker	Use better strategies practice for consistency, advanced the way of thinking with more consistent to push myself.	Realize that I can use what the practice has done for my thinking, practice that I can use to a long-term solution, and, that I can be consistent.
The Master Thinker	Realize that critical and analytical thinking, has become natural, return to the habituation that is my everyday life.	They get used critical in world with the way of using my best strategies at regular consistency to push myself with practice & challenge.

Write a 100- to 200-word explanation of your current stage of critical thinking development and explain why you placed yourself at that stage. Format your paragraph consistent with Associate-level writing style standards guidelines.

**Critical Thinking Post and Title**

Without reading the progress chapter, analyze looking at the stages of development of critical thinking, consistently identify myself as a practicing thinker. However, after reading chapter two of Post and Title Critical Thinking, I realized I was far from there, being a practicing thinker.

Post and Title for these stages:

- Stage One: The Confused Thinker (see an awareness of significant problems in my thinking)
- Stage Two: The Challenged Thinker (see serious issues of problems in my thinking)
- Stage Three: The Beginning Thinker (see my recognition but without regular practice)