

Associate Level Material

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Complete the matrix by identifying the six stages of critical thinking, describing how you move from each stage to the next, and using evidence you may have on you, move to the next stage of critical thinking.

Stages of critical thinking	How it moves to the next stage	Obstacles to moving to the next stage
Example	Advancing my thinking to identify problems that affect my thinking.	Overcoming myself about the effectiveness of my thinking.
The Analytical/Clarifier/Challenger/Thinker	Begin to work on the problem that I have identified in my thinking.	I may have misidentified my problem and be seeking for more.
The Exploring/Thinker	Begin searching for thinking strategies in order to improve upon the areas in which I am.	Being inconsistent in my practice.
The Practicing/Thinker	Use your my practice that advanced and that reflect on how I can work to improve.	Wasting thought that will not having the interest of helping.
The Advanced/Thinker	Continue my practice and reflection with critical thinking in general, habits, etc.	Agree my practice may become inconsistent and that will decrease.
The Master/Thinker	There are no more stages, using thinking is now second nature.	

Write a (100 to 200 word) explanation of your current stage of critical thinking development and explain why you placed yourself at that stage. Please use paragraph consistent with Associate Level Writing Requirements guidelines.

I have myself at the Practicing/Thinker stage of critical thinking, according to Advanced/Thinker stage. Unlike most, I have used good critical thinking skills and have been working on them for many years now. The ability to think clearly about problems has always been essential to me so that I have a strong grasp of my critical thinking skills. I have a mathematical mind and tend to think about things in a logical and by using logic. I practice my critical thinking whenever I have a problem that needs thinking about and I am generally rather skeptical. This level of thinking comes naturally to me, but the real world is not always practical/good thing. It can sometimes cause me to overlook the things that do have to be thinking and you make me more confident that I should be in my decisions. I believe that I am at the right point in having critical thinking become second nature to me.

Strategies to Develop Critical Thinking

Now that you identified your current stage as a critical thinker it is necessary to adjust strategies to develop your thinking. Of the four strategies you read about this week, choose three that you can begin to practice. Identify the strategies and describe how you can implement each strategy in your daily life.

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