

## Associate Level Material

### HUM 111 Stages of Critical Thinking

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Complete the matrix by identifying the six stages of critical thinking, describing how to move from each stage to the next, and listing obstacles you may face as you move to the next stage of critical thinking.

| Stages of critical thinking            | How to move to the next stage   | Obstacles to moving to the next stage   |
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| Stage One:<br>The Unreflective Thinker | Examine my thinking to identify problems that affect my thinking.                   | Deceiving myself about the effectiveness of my thinking   |
| Stage Two:<br>The Challenged thinker   | When I realize my thinking is causing me serious problems.                          | Realizing my thinking is not as perfect as I believed and develop awareness of how thinking operates for good or bad. |
| Stage Three:<br>The Beginning Thinker  | Making attempts to take charge and improve my thinking                              | Recognizing and changing the problems in my thinking to develop as a thinker  |
| Stage Four:<br>The Practicing Thinker  | Actively analyzing my thinking in a number of different ways                        | Develop awareness of the need for systematic practice in thinking   |
| Stage Five:<br>The Advanced Thinker    | Having insights to problems to deep levels of thoughts                              | Develop understanding for systematic practice in thinking and insight to deep levels of problems in thought.          |
| Stage Six:<br>The Master Thinker       | Consistently monitoring, revising, and rethinking strategies to improve my thinking | To make the highest levels of thinking intuitive in everyday life.  |

Write a 150- 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 Handbook guidelines.

I think I am more like a Challenged Thinker because I do not think I am really advanced about thinking. I guess I did not really know that there were levels of thinking. I do feel that this is pretty interesting. I think that I do not make really good thoughts. I think I could make better thinking decisions and I would love to get better at this type of thing. I think there is a lot of work for me because I need to do a lot to work up to the next level. I have never been that good of a thinker in my own opinion. I think when I have a problem I do not analyze it right. I think I need to do a better job at that type of thing. I think I could get a lot better at that type of thing. I know that I will get better, but I think this type of thing would make me a better person.

#### Strategies to Develop Critical Thinking