

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 first 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 in terms of problems that affect my thinking.	Learning myself about the characteristics of my thinking.
The Challenged Thinker	Realize that I am aware of problems in my thinking that I need to fix.	Keep struggling using to figure out how to fix the problems with my thinking.
The Beginning Thinker	Identify specific problems by thinking more often.	Keep but not satisfied with progress 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.	Keep but not enough motivated to motivate myself to keep practicing.
The Advanced Thinker	Realize that practice 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 as 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.	Keep get even better at critical with the way of using my brain and get on all together, 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 handbook guidelines.

Critical Thinking Post and Title

Without reading the prompt, explain and/or looking at the stages of development of critical thinking, I consistently consider myself as a practicing thinker. However, after reading stages two of Post and Title Critical Thinking, I realized I was far from there as 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)