

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	Advances by thinking in simple problems that affect my thinking.	Overcoming myself about the effectiveness of my thinking.
The Confused/Challenged Thinker	Begin to work on the problem that I have identified in my thinking.	I may have misidentified my problem and be seeking for help.
The Exploring Thinker	Begin searching for thinking strategies in order to improve upon the areas in which I struggle.	Being inconsistent in my practice.
The Practicing Thinker	Use tools to practice how effective and not reflect on how I can work in practice.	Thinking about the self or having the interest of helping.
The Advanced Thinker	Continue my practice and reflection with critical thinking in general habits in life.	Agree my practice may become inconsistent and stop and stagnate.
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 never used critical thinking with real-world issues existing in their everyday world. The ability to think clearly about problems has always been expected in me so that while it is going to work at my critical thinking skills, I have a fundamental level and need to think about things. It is logical and by using my, I practice my critical thinking whenever I have a problem that needs thinking about and I am generally rather skeptical. The level of thinking comes naturally to me, but the real world situation presents your thing. It can sometimes cause me to identify the issue that is the most in my 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 adopt strategies to develop your thinking. Use the 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.

Example