

Critical Thinking Worksheet

Name _____

NOTE TO TEACHERS: I use this as a first day activity to get the students to start thinking. This exercise is similar to SAT questions because the students need to break down each part of the riddle in order to come up with multiple answers. Then, the students need to eliminate the possibilities in order to narrow the answer choices, just like on the SAT. I have included the answers for you, so make sure you delete them before giving the assignment to the students.

- I. Determine the speaker for each of the following paragraphs.
1. After months of deliberating, I finally made a decision to leave my hometown. Though the process was long, I made it even longer by making my announcement a primetime spectacle. Many people were angry with my choice but my advice to them is to stay out of the kitchen. Who am I?

Kobe Bryant

2. I am a stand-up comic who gained fame on a late night talk show. I used to have my own sitcom and I continue to do stand-up comedy. I am known for my loyalty to a city that rocks. After a famous daytime host retired, I was chosen as his replacement. I wear glasses even though I don't need them. Who am I?

Drew Carey

3. After a successful career as an actor I became one of the most powerful men in the world. I stepped out of the spot light in the recent years leading to my death due to a serious though not necessarily life threatening illness. Who am I?

Ronald Reagan

4. After a successful music career, I decided to try acting. I had a successful sitcom and moved on to movies. I continue to make music, but it is secondary to my acting career. Who am I?

Will Smith, LL Cool J, Queen Latifah, Brandi, Eve, Reba McEntire

NOTE TO TEACHERS: The point of this particular riddle is that there are multiple answers. Each of the people fit on some level. I use this to get the students to think by activating prior knowledge and applying each of characteristics listed. I point out that the last one is not a good SAT question because there is more than one correct answer.

- II. Write three similar "Who am I?" riddles on the back. They must be well known fictional or non-fictional people.**