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**Stages of Critical Thinking**

Complete the table by identifying the six stages of critical thinking, describing them in more than just stages in the text, and listing obstacles you may face as you move to the next stage of critical thinking.

Stages of Critical Thinking	Obstacles to Moving to the Next Stage	Obstacles to Moving to the Next Stage
1. The Unreflective Thinker	Lack of understanding of critical thinking and its importance	Lack of understanding of the importance of critical thinking
2. The Challenged Thinker	Being challenged by others and not knowing how to respond	Being challenged by others and not knowing how to respond
3. The Beginning Thinker	Thinking about thoughts and not about the process of thinking	Thinking about thoughts and not about the process of thinking
4. The Developing Thinker	Thinking about the process of thinking	Thinking about the process of thinking
5. The Advanced Thinker	Thinking about the process of thinking	Thinking about the process of thinking
6. The Accomplished Thinker	Thinking about the process of thinking	Thinking about the process of thinking

Write a 100- to 150-word explanation of your current stage of critical thinking development and explain why you placed yourself at that stage.

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