

Critical Thinking Skill Development Framework

CT Skill Category	Related Questions
Purpose or goal	What is my purpose, goal or objective?
Salient Questions	What is the key question I must answer? What is the main problem I need to solve? What is the crucial issue I must resolve?
Information needs	What is the key information I need to answer this question? What is the information I need to solve the main problem? What is the information I need to resolve the crucial issue?
Conclusions	Given the information I have, what tentative conclusions can I come to? How best can I interpret the information I have?
Key Concepts	What is the key concept or idea that I need to understand to make sense of the data and to answer the question, solve the problem, or resolve the issue?
Implications	What does my reasoning imply? If I act on my conclusions, what are the implications or consequences likely to be?
Assumptions	As I think of this question, problem, or issue, what am I taking for granted or assuming? Am I justified in doing so?
Worldview	From what point of view am I approaching this question, problem, or issue? Should I consider an alternative point of view?