

Focus on Critical Thinking Part 1

1. Assemble into small groups of 4-5 people and introduce yourselves.
2. Select a Facilitator, Time-Keeper, and Recorder for your group. Their duties are:
 - Facilitator: Moderate conversation so that all have an opportunity to contribute, and refocus the conversation, if necessary
 - Time-Keeper: Keep group on-task during brainstorming session
 - Recorder: Record highlights below and report out key points from discussion
3. Have each participant consider the questions below. Allot a few minutes for individual, silent reflection.

Defining Critical Thinking: What is it? What does it look like?

4. Brainstorming session: Ask each participant to share his/her responses to the questions. Make sure that each person has a chance to respond. Approx. 5-10 minutes
 5. Small group exchange: Use the remaining time to discuss common themes and innovative ideas. Approx. 5-10 minutes
 6. Recorders from each group will share key points from the small group discussions, and the large group will engage in an exchange of ideas.
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Focus on Critical Thinking Part 2

1. Assemble into small groups of 4-5 people and introduce yourselves.
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 - Time-Keeper: Keep group on-task during brainstorming session
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Assessing Critical Thinking: What are its attributes? How do you measure it?

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