

Critical Thinking Strategies -- These critical thinking strategies are offered as ways to engage students in using the intellectual standards of critical thinking. As students are repeatedly exposed to activities that ask them to analyze and assess information from points of view that may be different from their own, they internalize these strategies and begin thinking in clear, rational and logical ways. Their thinking can then become self-regulated and self-corrective, independent of outside influence.

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Coffee House Chat

Use this one for role-playing and interpersonal communication skills.

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Similarities

How is this event/idea similar to something we have seen before?

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Depth Question

What makes this a difficult concept?

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Clarity

Elaborate so that someone can visualize your point.

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Reverse Privilege Walk

How can we make a privilege walk represent a different viewpoint?

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Identity Iceberg

What do characters (people) have going on below the surface?

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Compare / Contrast

What details make these things/ideas unique?.

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Point of View / Perspective Challenge

Helps with looking at the viewpoints of others fairly.

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Character Chart

Finding evidence in the text.

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Alien Travel Guide

Take a look at things we value from a fresh perspective.

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Elevator Pitch

Carefully and persuasively state your argument.

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Relevance Activity

How do choices relate to the problem or help the character?

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Lasting Impressions

Think about how characters (people) change and why?