

Course: Study Skills

Level: Second year L.M.D

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Pre-evaluation of the students' current understanding of what critical thinking is

Exercise 1

Before you start reading the text, respond to the following questions in a paragraph:

1. What is your concept of critical thinking? You can respond to this question by giving a description.
2. Describe a situation in which you thought through something critically. Provide some examples.
3. Describe a situation in which you did not think through something critically. Then write a paragraph describing how, in your best judgment, critical thinking is necessary within the subject matter you are studying.

Exercise 2

Read through the following statements and tick those that you think may come from critical thinkers.

“I hate talk shows where people just state their opinions but never give any reasons at all”

“No matter how complex a problem, you can bet there will be a simple solution”

“Just because information is in a textbook, doesn't necessarily mean it can be trusted”

“My views are probably shaped by the social and economic groups I belong to”

“I hate it when teachers discuss problems instead of just giving the information”

“Selling an idea is like selling cars, you say whatever works”

“I like to think about whether someone's views reflect the experience of all groups of people”

“I question the authority of evidence before I accept it”