

Critical Thinking Exercise

What is Critical Thinking?

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- 1) Read “The Critical Thinking Process” at <http://web2.airmail.net/drstan19/critthink.htm> as well as the following information:

Critical thinking is a dynamic, purposeful, analytic process that results in reasoned decisions and judgments.

The process has the following competencies:

- **Interpretation** is the ability to understand and identify problems
- **Analysis** is the ability to examine, organize, classify, categorize, differentiate, and prioritize variables
- **Evaluation** is the ability to assess the credibility, significance, and applicability of sources of information necessary to support conclusions
- **Inference** is the ability to formulate hypotheses or draw conclusions based on the evidence
- **Explanation** refers to the ability to explain the assumptions that lead to the conclusions reached
- **Self-regulation** indicates the ability for self-examination and self-correction

The critical thinker is characterized by open-mindedness, flexibility, rationality, inquisitiveness, intuition and reflection.

- 2) Answer the following questions and **submit** your written response to the Judicial Affairs office, TSU-235, by 5:00 PM on the date mandated on your Administrative Review form. Your answers must be **2-3 pages: typed, double-spaced, 12-point type, properly cited, appropriate language/grammar/spelling.**

1. Identify the problem which caused you to end up in the Judicial Affairs Office
2. Analyze the facts about the incident and explain how you made your decisions
3. Evaluate your actions and assess how you now see how you used information to make your decisions
4. What conclusions can you make about how you made your decisions?
5. Explain the assumptions that you had that caused you to take these actions
6. What have you learned from this incident and completing this exercise?
7. What will you do differently in the future?