

“吾十有五而志于学，三十而立，四十而不惑，五十而知天命，六十而耳顺，七十而从心所欲，不逾矩。”

– 《论语·为政》

“At fifteen, I had my mind bent on learning. At thirty, I stood firm. At forty, I had no doubts. At fifty, I know the decrees of Heaven. At sixty, my ear was an obedient organ for the reception of truth. At seventy, I could follow what my heart desired, without transgressing what was right.”

– 《The Analects of Confucius · Confucius's own account of his gradual progress and attainments》 - Translated by James Legge

Learn to think critically  
by writing.

<p><b>CLARITY</b></p> <p>You have added detail and examples.</p> <p>Could you elaborate?</p> <p>Could you illustrate what you mean?</p> <p>Could you give me an example?</p>	<p><b>ACCURACY</b></p> <p>Your thinking has facts and research to back it up.</p> <p>How could we check on that?</p> <p>How could we test that?</p> <p>How do we know this is true?</p>	<p><b>PRECISION</b></p> <p>Your thinking is specific and exact.</p> <p>Could you be more specific?</p> <p>Could you give more details?</p>
<p><b>RELEVANCE</b></p> <p>Your thinking is directly related to the central idea, problem or question you are working on.</p> <p>How does this relate to the problem?</p> <p>Does this answer the question?</p> <p>How does this help us?</p>	<p><b>DEPTH</b></p> <p>You have predicted difficulties or problems with your thinking. You imagine what could go wrong and what you could do about it.</p> <p>What will make this difficult?</p> <p>Have you predicted different possible outcomes?</p> <p>Have you looked ahead?</p>	<p><b>BREADTH</b></p> <p>You have considered other points of view.</p> <p>Do you need to look at this from another perspective?</p> <p>Do you need to consider other points of view?</p> <p>Do you need to look at this in another way?</p>
<p><b>LOGIC</b></p> <p>You show your thinking in a way that make sense to others.</p> <p>Does all this make sense together?</p> <p>Does your thinking follow the evidence?</p>	<p><b>FAIRNESS</b></p> <p>You are aware of the thoughts and ideas of others. You do not ignore facts that disagree with your thinking. You are open to changing your mind.</p> <p>Am I considering the thinking of others?</p> <p>Is my purpose fair in this situation?</p> <p>Is my thinking based on facts, or just opinions?</p>	<p><b>SIGNIFICANCE</b></p> <p>Your thinking is important to the central idea, problem or question you are working on.</p> <p>Which of these facts are the most important?</p> <p>Is this the most important thing to consider?</p> <p>Are you focusing on the most important thing?</p>