**Critical Thinking Activity**

When a person thinks critically, they consider the facts instead of feelings. They take time to think and analyze the information. They listen to or read and use credible sources and come to their own conclusion. Critical thinking helps people learn, solve problems, and make decisions.

# Materials

* **Critical Thinking Worksheet**
* writing utensil
* **PebbleGo Next** article “Critical Thinking”

# Directions

1. Write your own definition of critical thinking on the **Critical Thinking Worksheet**.
2. Identify a problem you think needs solving. This is step one in the critical thinking process. Write the problem on the **Critical Thinking Worksheet.** For example, you might write, “My class must decide on a field trip to take at the end of the school year.”
3. Describe how you would use critical thinking to address and potentially solve that problem. Refer to the **PebbleGo Next** article “Critical Thinking” to help you with the remaining steps of the worksheet. As you write the steps, ask yourself questions such as:
   * How might I best gather information on what classmates want to do? How can I be sure each student’s opinion is heard?
   * How can I best analyze the information? How might I consider the information from different perspectives?
   * How will I make my final decision on how to solve the problem? How will I communicate the decision?

# Critical Thinking

1. How difficult is critical thinking? Explain your answer.
2. Explain how you could use critical thinking skills in your daily life.
3. How might you improve your critical thinking skills?

**Critical Thinking Worksheet**

Critical Thinking Definition: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What problem you are trying to solve?
2. What questions will I ask and how will I gather information?
3. How will I analyze the information I collected?
4. What will my final decision be? How will I communicate that decision?