**Critical Thinking**

Critical thinking questions assumptions; it is a way of deciding whether a claim is true, false, sometimes true, sometimes false, or are partially true/partially false.

The opposite of Critical Thinking   
Passive Non-critical Thinking

Passive, non-critical thinkers hold a simplistic view of the world:

* See things as either black or white; either/or
* Questions are ‘yes’ or ‘no’ without grasping subtle distinctions.
* Fail to see linkages and complexities.
* Fail to recognize related elements.

Reading, writing, speaking, listening can all be done critically or uncritically.

Intellectual criteria for Critical Thinking

* Clarity
* Credibility
* Accuracy
* Precision
* Relevance
* Depth
* Breadth
* Significance
* Fairness