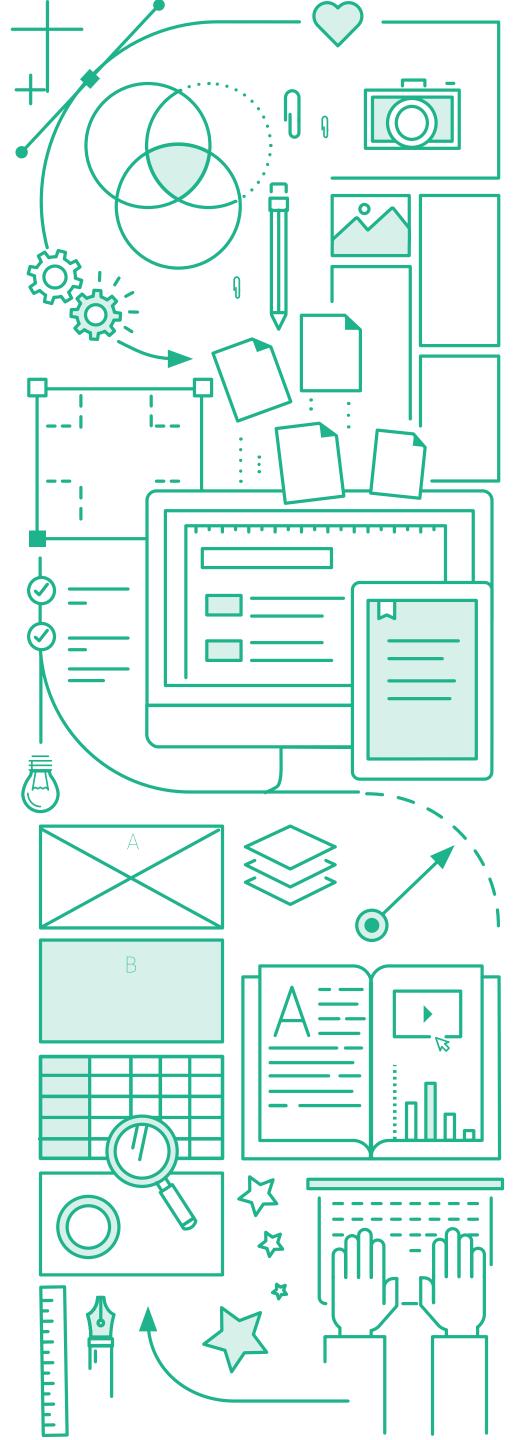
Critical Thinking Lesson One: Asking Questions to Find a Deeper Truth

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Lesson Flow

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Fact vs. Opinion



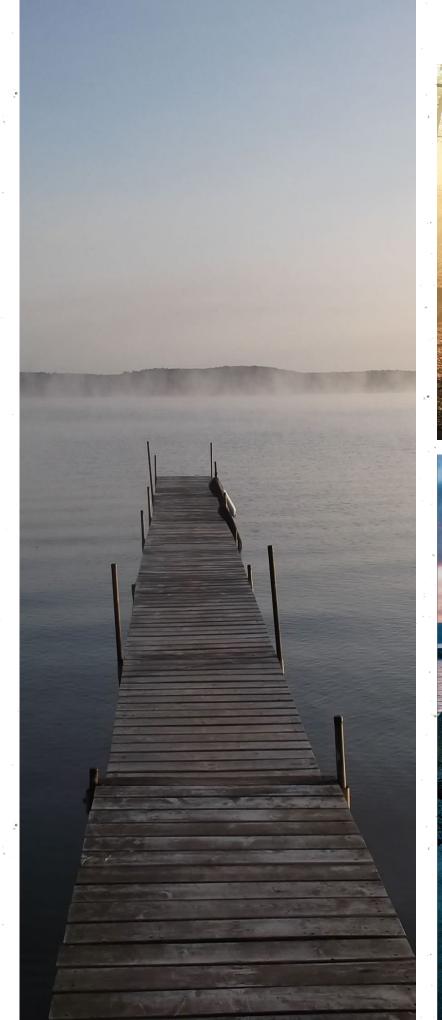
- 3 Identifying Subjective Statements
- 4 Critical Reading Practice

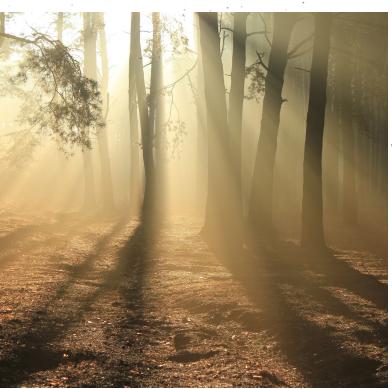


What is Critical Thinking?

Critical Thinking helps us think clearly about issues and situations. Some important Critical Thinking questions:

- + Is this true?
- + Is it a fact?
- + How do I know it is a fact?









FACTS VS OPINIONS

A fact is a true statement that can be proven.

- + Evidence
- Known to exist
- + Dates, Numbers
- Historical Events
- + Non-fiction
- + Can be measured or observed

An opinion is a personal view that might change.

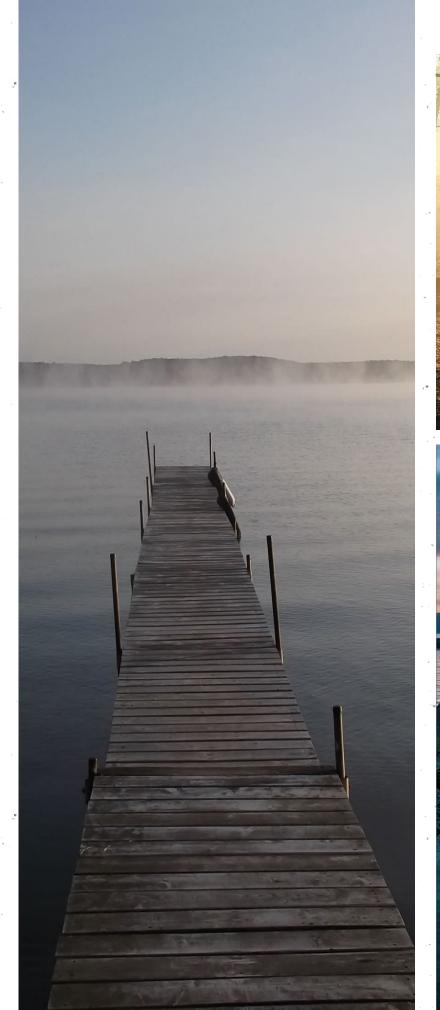
- + Emotion
- + Belief
- + Bias, Judgment
- + Interpretation
- + Imagination
- + Thought
- Not necessarily true

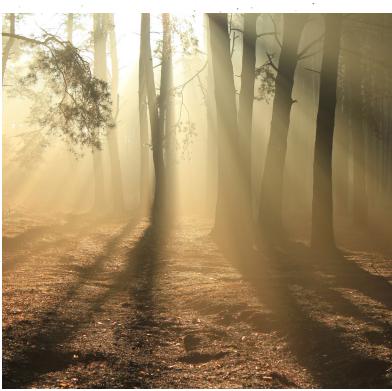


Facts

Three questions to establish a fact:

- + Can the statement be proven true?
- + Can the statement be observed in practice?
- + Can the statement by verified by witnesses or documents?









FACT VS OPINION

A fact is an objective statement.

The Earth is 149.6 million km from the Sun.

An opinion is a subjective statement.

The weather is too hot today!

