

QUICK GUIDE TO CRITICAL THINKING AND EVALUATION



START WITH ASKING WHO?

- Who wrote it?
- Who is it aimed at?
- Who will benefit from this?
- Who is affected by this?
- Who would know more on this?
- Who are their sources?
- Who is sponsoring this information?



THEN ASK WHAT?

- What are they NOT telling me?
- What would the opposition say?
- What more would I like to know?
- What is most/least important?
- What are the strengths/weaknesses?



WHERE? WHERE? WHERE?

- Where did this information come from?
- Where did it happen?
- Where is the evidence to back this up?
- Where can I validate this information?
- Where have I seen a similar opinion?



WHEN?

- When did this happen?
- When was this written?
- When was it last updated?
- When might this be useful?
- When has this happened before?



WHY?

- Why has this been written?
- Why did the writer take this point of view?
- Why am I seeing this?
- Why is this relevant?
- Why do people need to know this?



HAVE YOU ASKED HOW?

- How do I know its true?
- How reliable is this?
- How can I tell if this website credible?
- How do I know if this is biased?
- How would I put this in my own words?
- How will this benefit/harm us?



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