## Critical Thinking Planning Questions Based on Elements of Thought


| **Purpose:** | 1. What am I trying to accomplish?  
2. What is my central aim? My purpose? |
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| **Questions:** | 1. What problem am I raising?  
2. What problem am I addressing?  
3. Am I considering the complexities in the question? |
| **Information:** | 1. What information am I using in coming to that conclusion?  
2. What experience have I had to support this claim?  
3. What information do I need to settle the question? |
| **Inferences/Conclusions:** | 1. How did I reach this conclusion?  
2. Is there another way to interpret the information? |
| **Concepts:** | 1. What is the main idea here?  
2. Can I explain this idea? |
| **Assumptions:** | 1. What am I taking for granted?  
2. What assumption has led me to that conclusion? |
| **Implications/Consequences:** | 1. If someone accepted my position, what would be the implications?  
2. What am I implying? |
| **Points of View:** | 1. From what point of view am I looking at the issue?  
2. Is there another point of view I should consider? |