

Critical Thinking Planning Questions Based on Elements of Thought

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Purpose:	1. What am I trying to accomplish?
	2. What is my central aim? My purpose?
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?