Study Support Guides

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***Critical thinking***

# Critical Thinking template

## 1. Topic

*What is the main topic of the lecture, seminar or reading?*
*Tip: Review unit learning outcomes, upcoming assessment tasks and rubrics.*

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## 2. Key Points

*What are the* ***main*** *ideas, claims or findings presented?*
 *Can you summarise in just a few points?*

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## 3. Evidence/Support

*What evidence or examples are given to support the key points? Are they strong and reliable? Is their reasoning and/or methodology sound?*

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## 4. Questions to Consider

*What questions come to mind? What has been left unanswered? What details have not been provided? Challenge assumptions and ask for clarifications.*

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## 5. Alternative Perspectives

*What are some other possible viewpoints or ways to interpret the information? What do your teachers or peers have to say?*

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## 6. Personal Evaluation

*What is your own assessment of the conclusions made? Why?*

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## 7. Connections to Other Topics

*How does this information relate to other ideas or concepts you’ve already learned?*

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## 8. Further Actions

*What further reading or research might be useful?*

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