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.*



## 2. Key Points

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



## 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?*



## 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.*



## 5. Alternative Perspectives

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



## 6. Personal Evaluation

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



## 7. Connections to Other Topics

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



## 8. Further Actions

*What further reading or research might be useful?*