

# SELF-ASSESSMENT: CRITICAL THINKING - UNDERSTANDING AND ANALYSING LINKS BETWEEN IDEAS

Rate yourself on each statement:

- In need of improvement
- My skills are emerging
- I'm meeting the standards
- I'm exceeding the expectations

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Category	In need of improvement	My skills are emerging	I'm meeting the standards	I'm exceeding the expectations
Comparing Sources	I struggle to compare information from different sources	I sometimes compare points from different sources but miss key connections	I compare points and arguments from different sources effectively	I consistently compare diverse sources and identify meaningful patterns
Distinguishing Arguments	I rarely recognise the difference between main and supporting arguments	I sometimes identify main arguments but often confuse them with supporting details	I distinguish between main and supporting arguments	I consistently distinguish between main and supporting arguments and explain their roles
Identifying Structure of an Argument	I rarely see how arguments are organised	I sometimes recognise the basic organisation of an argument	I identify the basic structure of an argument (claims, evidence, conclusions)	I consistently identify and evaluate the structure of arguments across different contexts



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## Reflective questions

1. When comparing sources, what strategies help me find similarities and differences?
2. How confident am I in distinguishing main arguments from supporting details?
3. How can I strengthen my ability to recognise and explain the structure of arguments?

## Guidelines for action

### 1. Identify Strengths and Growth Areas

- Highlight one area where you already demonstrate strong analytical skills.
- Highlight one area where you can improve.

### 2. Set a SMART Goal

- Example: "I will practise distinguishing main and supporting arguments by analysing two articles each week."

### 3. Choose an Action Step

- Pick one analytical habit to strengthen immediately (e.g., making comparison charts, highlighting main claims in readings, mapping argument structures).

### 4. Monitor Your Progress

- Keep a weekly reflection: How did I analyse links between ideas this week? What improved?

### 5. Seek Feedback

- Ask a teacher, mentor, or peer how clear your identification of arguments and connections between ideas is.

### 6. Review and Reassess

- After 6–8 weeks, retake the self-assessment.
- Reflect on your progress and set a new critical thinking goal.

