

Rubric for Critical Thinking

The main purpose of a rubric is to help you do your best work. Use the rubric to make sure you understand what you are expected to learn. Is all of your work best described by column 4? If not, what can you improve? If you have access to a printer, you may want to print the rubric for reference as you work through the activities. Ask your teacher for help if you have any questions about the rubric.

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Critical Thinking	<p>Understands point of view and considers purpose objectively.</p> <p>Recognizes and generates precise and relevant questions.</p> <p>Uses accurate and relevant information to answer questions.</p> <p>Identifies and develops important ideas and concepts.</p> <p>Uses well-developed ideas and concepts to draw logical conclusions.</p>	<p>Often understands point of view and considers purpose objectively.</p> <p>Often recognizes and generates precise and relevant questions.</p> <p>Often uses accurate and relevant information to answer questions.</p> <p>Often identifies and develops important ideas and concepts.</p> <p>Often uses well-developed ideas and concepts to draw logical conclusions.</p>	<p>Sometimes understands point of view and considers purpose but is not objective.</p> <p>Sometimes recognizes and generates precise and relevant questions.</p> <p>Sometimes uses accurate and relevant information to answer questions.</p> <p>Sometimes identifies and develops important ideas and concepts.</p> <p>Sometimes uses developed ideas and concepts to draw logical conclusions.</p>	<p>Does not understand point of view or does not consider purpose.</p> <p>Does not recognize or generate precise and relevant questions.</p> <p>Does not use information to support or dispute answers to questions.</p> <p>Does not identify or develop important ideas and concepts.</p> <p>Draws conclusions that are not supported by ideas and concepts.</p>
Topic	<p>An opinion poll is the best way to approach this topic.</p> <p>Topic is focused and interesting to readers.</p>	<p>An opinion poll is a good way to approach this topic.</p> <p>Topic is focused and interesting to most readers.</p>	<p>Approaches other than an opinion poll are better for this topic.</p> <p>Topic is focused but may not be interesting to</p>	<p>An opinion poll is not a good way to approach this topic.</p> <p>Topic is too broad to be covered adequately.</p>

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Research Questions	Questions provide original insights about important aspects of the topic.	Questions are relevant and address all important aspects of the topic.	Questions are relevant to the topic, but they do not address some important aspects of the topic.	Many questions are not relevant to the topic.
Writing Mechanics	All words are spelled and capitalized correctly. All sentences are punctuated correctly.	Almost all words are spelled and capitalized correctly. Almost all sentences are punctuated correctly.	Several words are misspelled or capitalized incorrectly. Several sentences are punctuated incorrectly.	Many words are misspelled and capitalized incorrectly, making the information hard to understand. Many sentences are punctuated incorrectly, making the information hard to understand.