

# Five Steps to Critical Thinking

## 1 Stop and Think



Determine what's going on and what you are trying to accomplish. Take time to reflect and set direction.

## 2 Recognise Assumptions

Distinguish facts from opinions; check for implicit assumptions. Make sure you are solving the right problem.



## 3 Evaluate Information

What information is needed? Is it relevant/accurate? Efficiently and objectively process information.



## 4 Draw Conclusion

Does the conclusion fit the evidence? Achieve my goals? Make sure the conclusion logically follows from the information.



## 5 Plan of Action

Type of plan needed? Resources needed? Have a plan to implement any decisions.

