

California State University, Fresno
General Education Scoring Guide for Critical Thinking

Scoring Level	Interpretation	Analysis & Evaluation	Presentation
4 - Accomplished	Analyzes insightful questions Refutes bias Critiques content Examines inconsistencies Values information	Examines conclusions Uses reasonable judgment Discriminates rationally Synthesizes data Views information critically	Argues succinctly Discusses issues thoroughly Shows intellectual honesty Justifies decisions Assimilates information
3 - Competent	Asks insightful questions Detects bias. Categorizes content. Identifies inconsistencies Recognizes context	Formulates conclusions Recognizes arguments Notices differences Evaluates data Seeks out information	Argues clearly Identifies issues Attributes sources naturally Suggests solutions Incorporates information
2 - Developing	Identifies some questions Notes some bias Recognizes basic content States some inconsistencies Selects sources adequately	Identifies some conclusions Sees some arguments Identifies some differences Paraphrases data Assumes information valid	Misconstructs arguments Generalizes issues Cites sources Presents few options Overlooks some information
1 - Beginning	Fails to question data Ignores bias Misses major content areas Detects no inconsistencies Chooses biased sources	Fails to draw conclusions Sees no arguments Overlooks differences Repeats data Omits research	Omits argument Misrepresents issues Excludes data Draws faulty conclusions Shows intellectual dishonesty