Critical Thinking

Critical thinking is the mental process of forming and evaluating an opinion or argument in order to make a judgement about a subject.

It is about balancing the argument and evidemdægæinst.

To succeed in your studies you need to think criticaltyneabout all things you read, see or hear.

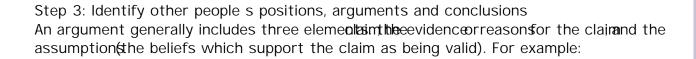
5 Steps in critical thinking:

Step 1: Listen to aread all the information carefully

Whether you are reading a book or an **artist**ening to a lecture, it is important that you focus carefully to note the important information, before looking at it with a critical eye. Practice the reskills of skimming, scanning and detailedgr (and look at the advice sheating Pay attention to the fine detail. It is important to focus on the exact wording to ensure that you have misread anything.

Step 2: Categorise the information

Many of the articles and books you will read will be on similar topics, and include similar informatio order to be able to think critically, you will need to inathermatisen so that you can make contrasts



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Step 4: Weigh up opposing arguments Here are few of the types of fallacies that occur in arguments:

<u>Jumping tooclusions</u> This is when conclusions are made and the facts, ideas or beliefs provided do not justify this conclusion, for example, assuming that binge drinking is a big problem among teena when only a group of 100 students were surveyed.

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