Strategies for Developing Critical-Thinking Capabilities

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Abstract

Critical thinking abilities enable you to comprehend and appraise a situation using all relevant facts or information. People may use critical thinking skills to arrange or organize information, including facts, to identify as well as solve a problem. There is a need for further study on the training of critical thinking abilities in business courses. Critical thinking must be explicitly defined in study designs, so suitable assessment strategies for assessing outcomes must be determined. This article discusses several different assessment procedures that may be utilized in research, but also information on commercially accessible testing. A list of probable research sources is presented. The most important contribution of critical thinking may be to assist you get a better awareness of yourself, allowing you to reject some unpleasant or restricting notions while focusing on your strengths. The capacity to express oneself may improve one's quality of life. In this paper, the author provides a comprehensive study on Strategies for Developing Critical Thinking capabilities. The majority of intellectual tasks include students learning to identify or build an argument, use evidence to support that argument, make sound judgments, or use the information to solve problems, all of which require critical thinking. In the future, this study helps to understand Critical thinking and different Strategies for Developing Critical Thinking.

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1. Introduction

Critical thinking is defined as evidence-based, disciplined reasoning that is clear, reasonable, or open-minded. While it may appear to represent the skills of several professional accountants, some business executives today believe that this talent is diminishing. Here are some techniques to assist you or your team improves your critical thinking abilities, Learners are naturally curious about the world or their field of study. They read or converse with others. They essentially educate themself without being encouraged to do so. Reading, speaking with experts in the field, listening to courses online and attending conferences may all help. The more information employees have, the more evidence they must weigh before making a choice (F. A. D'Alessio, B. E. Avolio, and V. Charles 2019, C. W. H. Chan, F. W. K. Tang, K. M. Chow, and C. L. Wong 2019, R. N. Emiliasari, E. Prasetyo, and E. F. Syarifah 2019).

Critical thinkers set aside their egos and consider what is better for the organization as a whole, even if it isn't the greatest option for the individual. Their objective is to learn as much as they can before giving a direct or sensible choice that is in the best interests of the majority. Critical thinkers have a proclivity for looking for fresh approaches to old issues. They despise the term "that's how people have always done things". They also recognize that working together with their team, their profession, and even their competition may lead to the finest solutions, and they accept this. Analytical paralysis should be avoided at all costs. Critical thinkers may avoid the traps of too much knowledge or be caught in the decision-making process by looking at the big picture or the details. They understand that they will never have all of the knowledge they need, but they also understand that they may go on and change their minds later if required (S. Yadav and I. Mohammad 2019, N. Rao, M. Hemalatha, and V. Nageshwar 2019).

Critical thinkers learn to explain why they arrived at a certain conclusion to others. Someone else can follow their logic and comprehend their thoughts. When given new knowledge that allows for a better understanding, people are

willing to revise their minds. The problem of information organizers encounter adds to the ambiguity: some information is unavailable owing to cost or time restrictions, and the information that is accessible is often inadequate. As a consequence, media planners typically struggle to forecast, much less modify, the behaviors and responses of the target population, rivals, regulators, and media operators. This study builds on John Dewey's key work and his idea of reflective thinking to provide a pedagogic framework from which to create instructional tactics. This viewpoint is used to create three key outlooks to media strategic planning, tolerance again for ambiguity or lack of closing that is a foundational part of the planning, flexibility in expressing media planning problems or devising solutions, but rather ability to adapt to changing media, industry, but rather audience conditions (D. Jackson, H. Shan, and S. Meek 2021, J. Hyland and M. Karlsson 2021, S. S. Almasarweh and M. Khudairat 2021).

1.1 People Must Learn to Think Critically

Children must be able to integrate material and display critical thinking abilities in today's technology and fast-changing environment, rather than just reciting a list of facts from recollection. Children must think about themselves or ask the follow-up question, "What now?" These are the abilities that today's and tomorrow's companies need. The capacity to assess a scenario or an issue is a valuable talent that companies will increasingly need as we continue to integrate technology into our daily lives. Children must be able to think critically who can decipher data, evaluate, compare, contrast, draw conclusions, and display higher-order thinking abilities, as shown in Figure 1.

Our responsibility as parents is to influence our children's thinking by asking open-ended queries. This helps our children to explore or broaden their horizons. In other cases, experimenting with your kid may be more suitable; this may be done simply with scientific projects, culinary classes, arts and crafts, and other activities. This helps our kids to fine-tune their hypotheses over why things occur, as well as define cause and effect. Engaging with your kid and encouraging the thinking process may benefit them. In other cases, encouraging your kid to explore and improve their beliefs on cause or effect might be a little more appropriate. Experiment or establish the cause or effect of what occurred via experimentation. Guiding your children's critical thinking process may improve their problem-solving abilities while also encouraging creativity or curiosity.

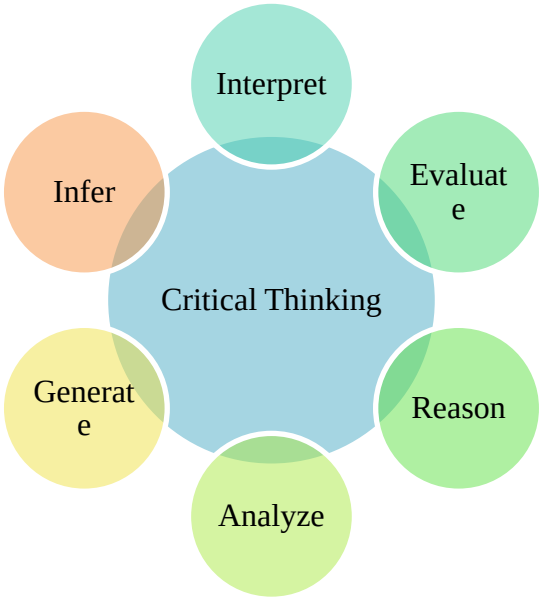

Figure 1. Illustrate critical Thinking, such as Infer, Interpret, Evaluate, Analyze, etc.

1.2 Strategies for Developing Critical Thinking

Critical thinking skills must be developed in the classroom to create a classroom full of enthusiastic and motivated students. What does it mean to be a "critical thinker"? Intelligent people don't only think clearly or reasonably; they make daily judgments based on effective analyzing, appraising, and reconstructing. This occurs naturally as we create critical thinkers. "Critical reflection is self-guided, self-disciplined thinking that seeks to reason at the greatest degree of quality in a fair-minded manner," says Educational Psychologist. People that think critically strive to live in a sensible, reasonable, and sympathetic manner." Students who acquire critical thinking abilities will be able to

distinguish between the factors that will form their personalities and those that will not. So, in the classroom, how can we foster critical thinking? To cultivate critical thinkers in your classroom, you just need a few easy tactics (M. A. Husain, I. Mohammad, V. Nageshwar, and K. M. K. Sridhar 2019 , M. Chhabra 2019)

1.2.1 Techniques of Interrogation

It takes a lot of investigation to develop critical thinking abilities. Right now, this is the easiest technique to use in your class. Create questions that encourage students to learn more. Ask open-ended questions instead of "yes" or "no" queries. "Does learning matter?" rather than "Does learning matter?" They like to ask "why" many times during a presentation to help my students dig deeper. They grow frustrated at times, but by the time they ask my last "why," anyone can tell if a child has thoroughly absorbed the subject or has just skimmed the surface. When considering potential queries, it's a good idea to look at Flanagan's Taxonomy. (S. G. Lal 2019, A. Thomas, K. Chithra, and V. Nageshwar 2017).

1.2.2 Discussions Among Students

Student-centered learning environments promote critical thinking skills by forcing students to reflect metacognitively. Students seek answers to their questions from their peers rather than the lecturer in a student-centered classroom. One of my favorite exercises to use in the classroom is a mystery game. It's inspiring to see children engaged in their academics. They are so absorbed in the lecture that they are oblivious to the presence of other students in the room. The post-course whole-class discussion is quite helpful in encouraging students to cooperate.

1.2.3 Inquiry-Based Learning

People expect our students to be interested in their academics. Inquiry-based learning is an excellent technique to engage students in the learning process while also pushing them to use critical thinking skills. It's much more than merely asking kids what they want to learn when it comes to inquiry-based education; it's about piquing their interest and curiosity. Students generate questions that they want to be answered as the first step in successful inquiry-based learning. Humans want our children to be able to collect more information that requires higher-order thinking skills. For more information on inquiry-based learning, go here (S. Kaur and N. V. Muninarayanappa 2017, S. A. Chacko and V. Nageshwar 2017).

1.2.4 Collaboration

The capacity to ask and evaluate questions was among the most crucial parts of critical thinking. Students can take ownership of the project when they collaborate with their classmates, which develop independence and critical thinking. Allow students to interact with one another and exchange ideas during the class. Students often learn from one another, which may help to avoid uncertainty and misconceptions. Collaborating also broadens pupils' horizons by revealing that not everyone thinks in the same way (A. Choube, S. P. Bahal, A. Srivastava, and M. Sharma 2014).

1.2.5 Problem Solving Education:

Problem-based learning is a method that encourages students to use critical thinking skills by providing a framework for discovery that helps them to get a better understanding of a subject. The methods are simple to recall and may be used on any new subject:

- Investigate a specific problem or issue; Give them the challenge to solve as well as directions on how to collect data.
- Look into it and think about it. Students should research their chosen problem and brainstorm possible solutions. Consider and discuss each of the alternatives presented.
- Make a plan and present it to the rest of the class. Students benefit from one another's knowledge, which is a very successful teaching approach.
- Make a call to action as well as a list of tasks to do. The students should outline the steps that must be taken to remedy the problem.

Five approaches for special education in the primary classroom is one of my most popular articles. To develop thinking abilities in your classroom, use all of the interesting and engaging mystery games in my Educators Pay Teachers marketplace (A. Ahmad 2015).

1.3 Reflective Thinking

A productive, persistent, but instead thoughtful examination of any believing or supposed field of study in light of evidence that encourages it or further findings to something that tends in light of new evidence that supports it or

further inferences to which it generally tends in light of the evidence that endorses it and the further conclusion of the study to which it tends in light of the evidence that endorses it but the further conclusion of the study to which it tends in light of the evidence that endorses it but the further conclusion of the study to which When there is uncertainty or ambiguity, it motivates a search for information that is relevant to the situation. After that, the reflective thinker adopts a flexible approach to expressing the problem and discovering and assessing various problem solutions. Because they prefer the security of operating inside open systems, students may find it difficult to create this method for problem description and resolution. Highlighting ambiguity in multimedia planning methods may heighten students' feelings of doubt, perplexity, or worry, reducing their degree of control over activities or decision-making (W. Ghai, S. Kumar, and V. A. Athavale 2021).

Students must first grasp that, as Dewey pointed out, uncertainty and doubt are an important and even desirable part of the critical-thinking process. Students will be more likely to understand that their confusion and anxiety are not necessarily due to a personal deficiency. The challenge for instructors is to adopt educational strategies that provide enough discomfort to elicit introspective thinking while yet offering enough structure and stability for kids to navigate through the fog. A route through the mist Tolerance of ambiguity, on the other hand, does not imply that students should accept hazy or ambiguous arguments in favor of a certain issue description or solution. Reflective thinking also includes recognizing one's assumptions, knowing how one has processed data, and the capacity to perceive the consequences of one's judgments. Students must be able to explain the strengths and shortcomings of the quantitative and qualitative evidence they employ, as well as comprehend how the evidence was processed and synthesized to produce knowledge. Assumptions regarding the nature of the communication environment, message, target audience attitudes, or data dependability and validity may all be addressed via teaching tactics.

1.4 Critical Thinking

Thinking Critical thinking does not have a broadly accepted definition. In truth, the meaning of the phrase is still being determined out. The distinction between process and result, which is a matter of theoretical perception, has long been a source of debate in the definition of critical thinking. These points of view are classified as philosophical or psychological models. Philosophical and psychological frameworks, on the other hand, have been incorporated into teaching procedures. The three models are briefly discussed below. "All subject matter should be critically and analytically evaluated by each student in such a way that learners may integrate it into their thinking, rejecting, accepting, or qualifying it in keeping with the student's honest thinking," according to a philosophical educator. While some people are thinking, others are solving problems, making judgments, formulating ideas, and doing the scientific study.

1.4.1 Model of the Mind

Intelligence (knowing how one learns) and cognitive techniques are highlighted in the psychological approach (focused on how pupils learn). The six dimensions of thinking highlighted include metacognition, cognitive processes (includes problem-solving or decision-making process), basic thinking skills (including summarizing or elaborating), critical thinking, creative thinking, and the importance of subject knowledge.

1.4.2 Education Model

Even though philosophical or psychological models are used in education, an educational model is described as a combination of philosophical or psychological model elements. Theorists use the term "educational model" to define a hybrid model that often proposes main categories of activities or inquiry approaches.

1.4.3 Skills in Critical Thinking Evaluation

Both quantitative and qualitative measurements should be utilized to assess the outcomes of research concentrating on the development of creativity in business education. Regardless matter how critical thinking is assessed, it must be sensitive enough to detect changes in students' thinking abilities. Current educational testing techniques in the United States do not give sensitive enough instruments for evaluating the impact of our attempts to educate thinking or reasoning. The tests that are offered provide a numerical score that does not represent or quantify the procedures that students employ to arrive at their responses. This might explain why there is still empirical research on critical thinking growth in business education. One is a basic interruption time series, wherein the researcher collects baseline data over a lengthy amount of time before the program is implemented, and then another long period after the program is introduced. The second approach incorporates a crucial component: an analogous no-treatment control group. It is possible to compare the experimental or control groups' pre- but also posttest scores. As a consequence of this technique, a more powerful design is created. If groups aren't equal in ability, utilize the pretest measure of rational reflection as a covariate in coefficient of determination (M. Schoenberger-Orgad and D. Spiller

2014, E. Aizikovitsh and M. Amit 2009, M. Salih 2010) .

1.5 Other Strategies Proposed by the Teacher

It's possible to employ techniques like observation or checklists. Teachers may assess critical thinking abilities by observing students as they engage with resources. A problem-solving task may be required as part of the assessment activity. As the instructor or assessor watches the pupil, this work is performed. Alternatively, the learner might do a problem-solving activity while participating in a simulation. It is advised that you make much observation in a variety of contexts. Student strengths and shortcomings may be deduced from anecdotal accounts of these exchanges.

Some state assessment systems use other strategies for testing critical thinking abilities. Connecticut has been evaluating performance in several areas, particularly business or office education, since 1980. Learners are provided the open or closing arguments as well as asked to offer huge backing for them in this evaluation, which employs partly built answer styles. In addition, California, Michigan, and Pennsylvania have made it mandatory for state competency exams to include a critical thinking component. Any assessment activity established by a teacher must be properly specified and recorded so that the activities are not invalidated by changes in the instructions, the quantity of help offered, or the depth of answer given to students' queries. For the assessment process, benchmark criteria must be clearly stated. A pilot test of the evaluation should be conducted to identify issue areas that need explanation.

1.6 Business Education's Consequences

In a quasi-experimental research design, using only one of the marketed tests as an independent measure of critical thinking ability is inadequate. To answer the question "Did students' critical thinking abilities improve?" qualitative data will be needed. The most challenging challenge in developing and executing research may be determining how to measure the growth of critical thinking in business education. Activities that assess a wide variety of performance challenges covering a wide range of subject knowledge and critical thinking abilities must be cultivated. The evaluation tool must be able to understand the value of various replies. The designed activities or test items must be field-tested on a large number of pupils. In addition, interviewing or watching students will be necessary for understanding their prior knowledge and task techniques. Carefully constructed assessment tools will aid in the assessment of critical thinking abilities. Until such tools are available, the researcher should employ a combination of measurements and the actions listed above.

1.7 Different Approaches to Teaching Critical Thinking

There are a variety of methods for achieving critical thinking. If seen through the lens of a review article, it becomes clear that there are four primary ways to teach students. Critical analysis training is embedded thoroughly and meticulously within content-based teaching approaches in topic-based teaching, so students should be encouraged to employ critical thinking while learning the subject. Content or critical thinking ideas and norms are blended in a material teaching strategy. Students are also urged to think critically while learning the material. Content education takes occurs on the front lines with this method, and broader concepts of rational reflection are not clearly stated. Critical thinking training is based on a distinct discipline in a skill-based teaching method, independent of context. The curriculum is organized around the components and criteria of critical thinking abilities to provide pupils the capacity and propensity to think critically. The fundamental goal of this method is to educate students on how to think effectively about situations that occur outside of the classroom. The mixed teaching method combines subject-based and content-based instruction with a general instruction approach. There is a distinct course in this method that teaches broad concepts of rational reflection, but students also engage in material critical reasoning instruction.

1.8 Advantage of Critical Thinking

One of the most important learning outcomes of Critical Thinking is knowledge of several approaches to a problem, as well as the capacity to critically evaluate those methods. You may learn to recognize various, often more important, techniques to problem-solving rather than depending on a single, consistent strategy, eventually boosting your success. With such a Critical Thinking approach, you can save time. People are probably aware that not all data is useful to your judgment, but people frequently don't know how to separate the relevant first from irrelevant. By analyzing what is crucial to the process, rational reflection teaches you how to prioritize your time or resources. This also helps in determining whether or not a choice is eventually sound.

- Learning to empathize with various points of view leads to a greater understanding of other worldviews. Critical thinking helps you to look beyond cultural norms, rather than judging them, or to learn how to

comprehend other elements that might impact decision-making. Facilitate collaboration or leadership need understanding and compassion.

- The standard of communication has risen. Critical Thinking may help you become a more successful communicator by teaching you how to examine and offer evidence for each assumption. To effectively explain a statement or thought, people must use consistent and relevant reasoning to support their hypothesis.
- Decision-making abilities may be changed and simplified simply by using the Critical Thinking approach. People begin to make choices based on reasoning and deliberation rather than intuition or guesswork, which leads to better decisions.
- People will learn the difference between inductive and deductive reasoning, as well as when one should be employed over the other, as a result of becoming a more reasoned and balanced problem solver. Making decisions based on logic or reason, rather than emotion or instinct, enables more efficient problem-solving.

2. Literature Review

Tim Moore and others studied the critical thinking discussion: how ubiquitous are general thinking skills. This research investigates whether critical thinking should be seen as a broad universal capacity or as a flexible category that accommodates a variety of thought processes in university education. I propose that the discourse of wide thinking programs be seen as a highly specific one, based on language analysis of specific example texts, rather than a generalist language. The implications for both teaching and judging critical thinking are examined in light of this perspective. The quality of conversation within and across groups depends on recognizing and respecting this variety. The critical thinking movement achieves nothing in terms of developing discourse ability by aiming to create a place where truth is in some sense unproblematic, a "town of truth," as it were (T. Moore 2004).

P. T. Terenzini. looked at how to teach critical thinking or issue skills. Critical-thinking skills that may be honed through instruction and practice. Instructors in professional education can help students improve their critical thinking by (1) using teaching activities that directly participate students in learning activities rather than reliance on a lecture or rote memorization, (2) concentrating instruction just on the process of learning instead of solely just on content, or (3) utilizing assessment methods that challenge students intellectually. A variety of difficulties may obstruct critical thinking instruction. Lack of expertise, limited resources, biased ideas, and time constraints make it difficult to develop critical thinking in learning environments. Helping students all through the process or modeling good thinking habits might help them enhance their critical thinking skills. Learners who really can think critically and solve real-world problems are well worth the effort (P. T. Terenzini, L. Springer, E. T. Pascarella, and A. Nora 1995).

S. K. Wolcott. researched critical thinking. Both accounting education and professional accounting literature have emphasized the need of developing critical thinking abilities in accounting students. Even though a variety of ways to improve critical thinking abilities have been established, there is a remarkable lack of scientific research in the high school or higher education literature that if anyone teaching strategy can increase students' critical thinking capabilities. The authors make a concerted attempt to provide recommendations on how to conduct more rigorous empirical testing of various curricular strategies so accounting instructors can assess whether their attempts to increase students' critical thinking skills are effective. Researchers that employ mental development models are much more likely to construct successful educational treatments or objectively assess student competence progress, according to the paper's major finding. This kind of model might be advantageous. The progressive development of students is the attention of researchers (S. K. Wolcott, C. P. Baril, B. M. Cunningham, D. R. Fordham, and K. St. Pierre 2002).

E. Aizikovitsh. studied the effectiveness of an infusion technique for teaching critical thinking skills using mathematics. One of the current shifts in teaching mathematics across the world is the shift from computational cognitive skills to higher-level cognitive skills, particularly critical thinking. "Reasonable reflective thought centered on choosing what to believe or do," argues Ennis. This research looked at the feasibility and effectiveness of applying the infusion approach to promote critical thinking in students via a probability education curriculum. A statistical analysis of these students' Cornell test averages looked at their relative improvement. According to an Independent sample, the experimental group dramatically improved their capacity for critical thinking or disposition. As a consequence, if teachers emphasize critical thinking skills often, students are more likely to develop them (E. Aizikovitsh and M. Amit 2010).

Critical Thinking Abilities Analysis just on Topic of Static Fluid was studied by L. M. Zwolinski. The purpose of this study was to learn further about senior high students' critical thinking ability. The critical thinking test results of 50

students in the 11th grade for one of Bogor's senior secondary schools were analyzed using a descriptive study. The sample size was calculated using survey research and a purposive sampling approach. On static fluid topics, the tool used is a five-indicator test of critical thinking capacity. There are a total of ten questions. It was developed by experts and tested by researchers. Students' critical thinking skills are still insufficient, according to the research. Almost every criterion of critical thinking ability scores at or below 40%. Basic clarification garnered 30% of a vote, basic choices support accounted for 10% of the vote, inference accounted for 7% of both the vote, intermediate clarification accounted for 7% of something like the vote, or strategies of the company accounted for 5%. Critical thinking skills must be taught to students from one of the Bogor town's high schools. And using active learning, including such Computer-based learning (CBL) which is linked to the project, to support students through the process of uncovering global concerns is the greatest way to put information into practice (L. M. Zwolinski, M. Kaplan, and M. E. Bailey 1970).

3. Discussion

Critical thinking is a means of properly or passionately comprehending, analyzing, using, and assessing knowledge gathered from or generated through communication, experience, reflection, or observation as a precursor to measurements or reliance. Students need excellent critical thinking abilities to read or comprehend successfully in school or college. Individuals must also think critically while examining information, deciding on a course of action, or carrying out their choices. The sooner pupils are taught to think critically, the more prepared they will be to undertake a complex, thorough examination of the challenges they face. People ask instructors throughout the globe what they believe are the most important abilities for contemporary learners. Educators, instructors, and school leaders all have the same goals. Regardless of where they come from, one of the most fundamental is efficiently developing critical thinking abilities. Critical thinking is the pinnacle of experience or personal accumulation. Communication and knowledge skills, teamwork, thinking or problem-solving abilities, including interpersonal or self-direction abilities are all-important foundational skills for rational reflection. These are all the fundamental abilities that students will need in every area and at any degree of schooling. Students' decision-making skills are improved by practicing reflective thinking and developing an innate empathy for nature but also processes of how individuals use or are impacted by media.

4. Conclusion

As a forerunner to measuring or reliance, critical thinking is a method of correctly or passionately perceiving, analyzing, applying, and judging information obtained from or created by communication, experience, reflection, as well as observation. To read or understand properly in school or college, students must have great critical thinking skills. This paper provides many approaches for assessing critical thinking. Though more study is required to find the most effective techniques to encourage critical thinking, the major element that must be addressed is how to evaluate student achievement. Critical thinking must also be defined and understood well by the researcher. Beyond assessing words per minute and the accuracy of files exercises and computer applications, business instructors must focus on developing but also evaluating critical thinking abilities that will equip our students to be 21st-century employees and citizens. Critical thinking's major contribution may be to help you gain a better understanding of yourself, permitting you to reject certain unpleasant or restrictive ideas but instead concentrate on your strengths. The ability to express oneself may make life more enjoyable. The writers of the paper provide suggestions for improving critical thinking abilities. Students must learn to recognize or construct an argument, utilize evidence to support that argument, make good judgments, or use knowledge to solve issues as part of their intellectual duties, all of which involve critical thinking. Nowadays, critical thinking is highly important since it allows individuals to progress in their lives. The authors of this work provide a thorough examination of Strategies for Developing Critical-Thinking Capabilities. Students must learn to recognize or construct an argument, utilize proof to substantiate that argument, make good judgments, or apply knowledge to solve problems as part of the majority of intellectual activities.

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