

CRITICAL THINKING RUBRIC

	Needs work (0)	Average (1)	Accomplished (2)	Score
Assimilate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊙ Fails to include relevant information ⊙ Includes excessive irrelevant information ⊙ Misinterprets or mischaracterizes information ⊙ Fails to include or is confused by information from a variety of viewpoints 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊙ Includes some relevant information ⊙ Minimal amount of irrelevant information ⊙ Generally interprets information accurately ⊙ Includes some disparate and potentially conflicting information from a variety of viewpoints 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊙ Includes most relevant information ⊙ Does not include irrelevant information ⊙ Consistently interprets information accurately ⊙ Effectively includes disparate and potentially conflicting information from a variety of viewpoints 	
Evaluate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊙ Demonstrates no or little independent/creative thought ⊙ Is unable to or superficially uses general principles to create reasonable solutions and/or predictions ⊙ Is unable to or superficially uses specific examples to support analysis ⊙ Does not evaluate alternative perspectives (e.g., functional, short/long term, strategic/tactical, internal/external) ⊙ Exhibits close-mindedness or hostility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊙ Demonstrates some independent and creative thought ⊙ Limited use of general principles to create reasonable solutions and/or predictions ⊙ Limited use of specific examples to support analysis ⊙ Some evaluation of alternative perspectives (e.g., functional, short/long term, strategic/tactical, internal/external) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊙ Consistently demonstrates independent and creative thought ⊙ Effectively uses general principles to create reasonable solutions and/or predictions ⊙ Effectively uses specific examples to support analysis ⊙ Effectively evaluates alternative perspectives (e.g., functional, short/long term, strategic/tactical, internal/external) 	

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Conclude	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓢ No decision Ⓢ Decision not based on or only superficially based on sound evidence and prior evaluation Ⓢ Decision not supported with persuasive arguments Ⓢ Does not acknowledge other potential outcomes Ⓢ Decision based on biased information/reasoning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓢ Irresolute decision Ⓢ Decision somewhat based on sound evidence and prior evaluation Ⓢ Decision somewhat supported with persuasive arguments Ⓢ Acknowledges other potential outcomes, does not effectively persuade they are less desirable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓢ Clear decision Ⓢ Decision clearly based on sound evidence and prior evaluation Ⓢ Decision clearly supported with persuasive arguments Ⓢ Effectively persuades that other potential outcomes are less desirable 	
Source: Montana State University				Total: