

And your
opinion is...
Critical?



Introduction

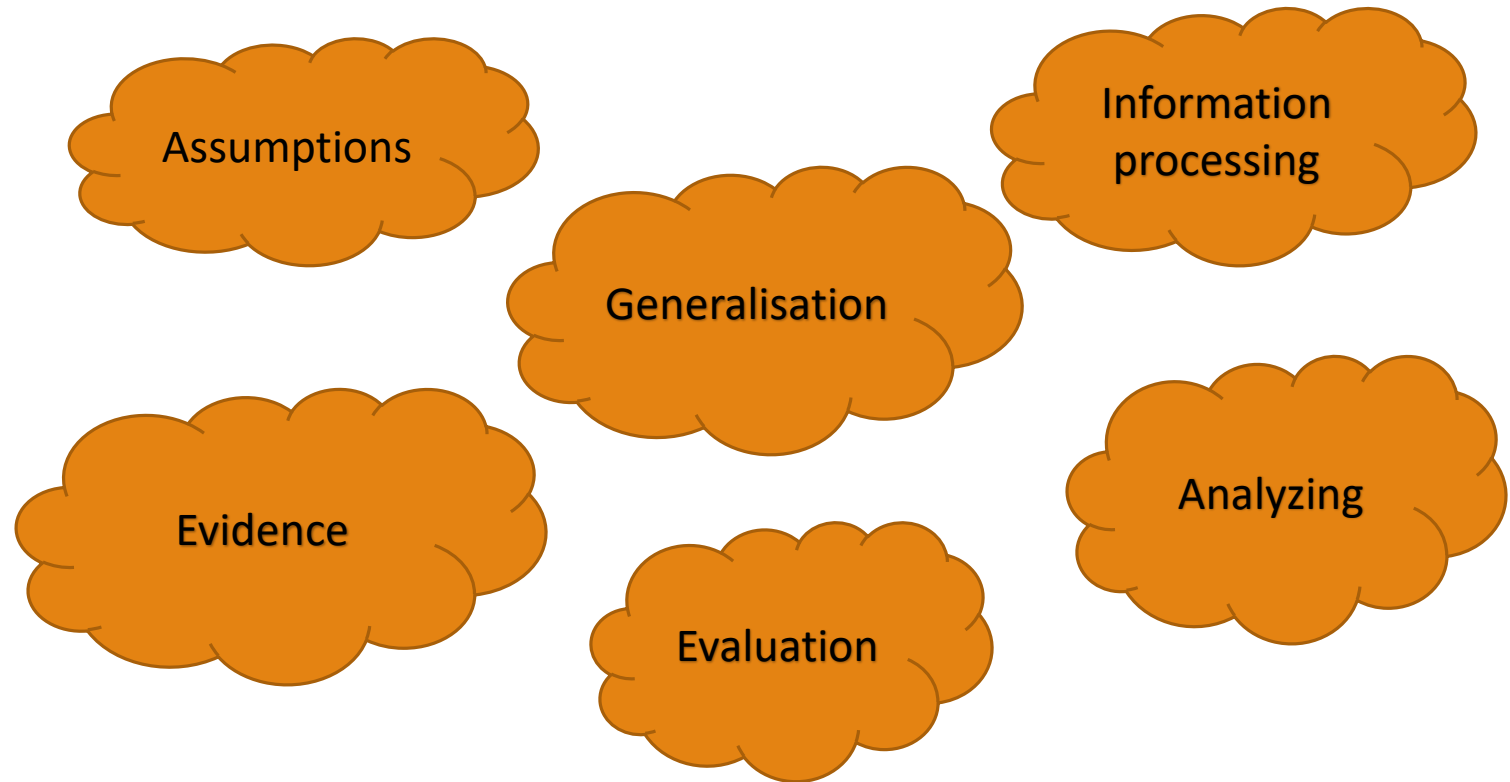


Do you agree or disagree?

- * A foreign language cannot be taught. It must be learned.
- * People have 6 senses.
- * Those who can do, those who can't teach.
- * Murderers should be executed.
- * Using animals in medical research helps people.
- * Military service should be obligatory.
- * Soft drugs should be legalized.
- * Video games contribute to youth violence.



Key concepts

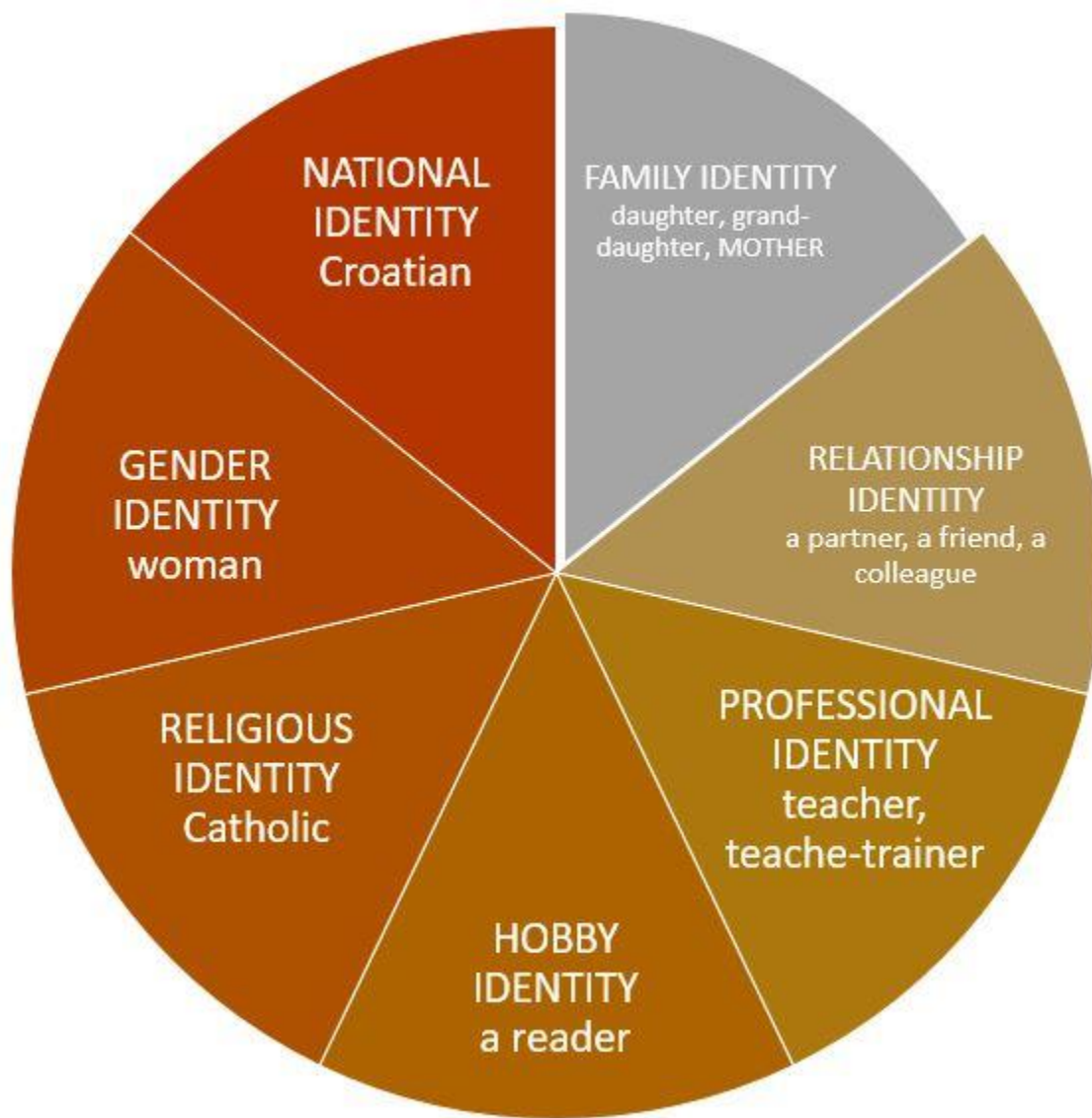


Identity wheel



You will create your own identity wheel. The elements in your pie can and will be different than those in the example. You may want to keep some, and change the other.

This is a visual tool to raise awareness of all the parts that make each of us a unique person.



Fact vs Opinion

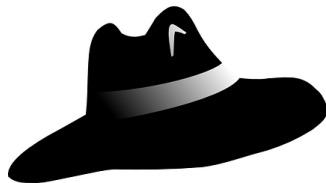
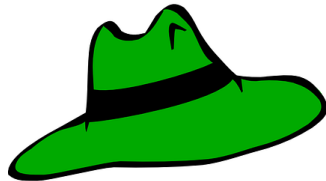




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Thinking Hats



Topic: Mobile phones in schools

Red – Look at the situation emotionally!

White – Look at the situation objectively!

Yellow – Use a positive perspective!

Black – Use a negative perspective!

Green – Think creatively!

Blue – Think broadly!




Silent Conversation

Groups of 3

Topic: Love

Task: Write comments, questions, symbols, etc. on your piece of paper. Share your opinion, feeling, attitude with members of your group but **WITHOUT WORDS!**

Rubrics for Critical Thinking

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| Identifying (understanding) problem / issue | I cannot explain what the problem / issue is about even with help from peer/teacher. | I can explain the problem / issue but cannot describe all of its elements without assistance. | I can easily explain what the problem / issue and can provide descriptions of all of its elements. |
| Reflecting | I cannot provide my own reflection on the issue. I cannot provide self-evaluation. | I can provide my own reflection but it is not complete and I need help from teacher / peer. I can offer self-evaluation but some elements are missing. | I can provide extensive personal reflection and self-evaluation stating clear evidence of all elements. |
| Offering alternatives | I cannot offer alternatives as the issue is unknown to me. I cannot relate it to other cultures or even my own. | I can offer an alternative but often it is often unclear. Often I cannot find examples in other cultures. | I can offer alternatives and link them to other cultural milieus. |

Thinking is difficult, that's why
most people judge.

Carl C. Jung

Increasingly, we become so secure
in our bubbles that we accept only
information, whether true or not,
that fits our opinions, instead of
basing our opinions on the
evidence that's out there.

Barack Obama

