

Questions Using the Elements of Thought

- Purpose:** What is my goal? What is the central aim? What is the purpose of the writer?
- Questions:** What question am I raising? What do I need to ask? Is the question at issue well-stated?
- Information:** What data and facts am I using to figure this out? Is the information accurate?
- Inferences/
Conclusions:** What can I conclude from the information given? How did I reach this conclusion? Would more information change the prediction?
- Concepts:** What is the main idea here? What are the theories or principles being used? Can I explain the big idea?
- Assumptions:** What am I taking for granted? What is questionable because of the assumptions being made? What has the writer assumed about the reader?
- Implications/
Consequences:** What could be the result due to the decisions made? What are the possible outcomes for my actions?
- Points of View:** From what angle am I looking at this issue? Are there other points of view that should be considered?