

Ankara Üniversitesi Açık Ders Notları

PHI 106 CRITICAL THINKING

TOPIC 5:

The elements of critical thought: Cognitive strategies—macro-skills:

- refining generalizations and avoiding oversimplifications

- comparing analogous situations: transferring insights to new contexts

- developing one's perspective: creating or exploring beliefs, arguments, or theories

- clarifying issues, conclusions, or beliefs

- developing criteria for evaluation: clarifying values and standards

- evaluating the credibility of sources of information

- questioning deeply: raising and pursuing root or significant questions

- analyzing or evaluating arguments, interpretations, beliefs, or theories

- generating or assessing solutions

- analyzing or evaluating actions or policies

- reading critically: clarifying or critiquing texts

- listening critically: the art of silent dialogue

- making interdisciplinary connections

- practicing Socratic discussion: clarifying and questioning beliefs, theories, or perspectives

- reasoning dialogically: comparing perspectives, interpretations, or theories

- reasoning dialectically: evaluating perspectives, interpretations, or theories.

(Richard W. Paul, *Developing Minds*, revised edition, vol. 1, 1991, p. 78. © Richard W. Paul)