

# Discussion 10.2

Psychology



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Research Paper, Psychology The learning environment is considered to be one of major beneficiaries of critical or areas where it is largely applied. This because all the information or knowledge passed to students of any level require high levels of evaluation to ascertain what is wrong or right. In any learning process, students are involved in arguments, which are expected to constructive enough to attain the intended purpose of such arguments (Adler & Doren, 2012).

According to Schunk and Zimmerman (1994), some of the fundamental critical thinking skills that are taught to learners in the early stage of education include the reading, writing and speaking skills. As the learner advances from the basic primary stage of education to the secondary and tertiary levels, the academic skills that they are expected to master are become more intricate in nature. In my study, I have had to muster several academic skills to ensure my success. Some of the most significant include academic thinking, creativity, media literacy and oral presentation (Hermida, 2009). More often than not, some of these fundamental skills are not taught at higher levels of education since most tutors assume that learners have already acquired them in the earlier stages of learning. It is therefore up to the learner to find out their weak points and work towards improving them. My weaknesses include being egocentric, self-interested thinking, self-serving biasness, socio-centrism, and confirmation biasness.

I plan to move out of my current stage of development in critical thinking by eliminating the barriers. I will have to deal with the egocentrism, which is tendency to perceive reality as revolving around oneself. I normally tend to concentrate on my own interests and think that my values and ideas are superior to those held by other people. Another barrier to critical thinking

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that I have to eliminate is self-interested thinking that entails supporting conclusions because they fit into my interests. Self-serving bias is also another barrier to critical thinking, and it refers to tendency to overrate oneself. This is brought by the fact that I normally think that I am above average. Another barrier to critical thinking that I will deal with is confirmation bias, which refers to the practice of bending evidence in order to fit one's beliefs. Socio-centrism is another barrier to critical thinking, and it made me to focus excessively on the group.

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