What does it mean to be a Critical Thinker?

In terms of…

- **Analysis**
  - Identifying an issue (e.g., its nature, scope, gravity)
  - Selecting credible sources of information
  - Determining if a source is helpful/pertinent AND credible
  - Determining similarities/differences within sources
  - Determining relationships among the parts/features/elements/factors of the issue within sources

- **Synthesis**
  - Determining similarities/differences among sources
  - Determining relationships among sources
  - Combining parts/features/elements/factors of the issue in new and/or different ways

- **Argumentation**
  - Drawing conclusions and backing them with credible evidence
    - Selecting, presenting, and properly citing effective evidence
    - Reflecting awareness of audience
  - Considering and addressing other perspectives/counterarguments
  - Considering ethical aspects of the argument
  - Constructing argument in logical progression of reasoned thought