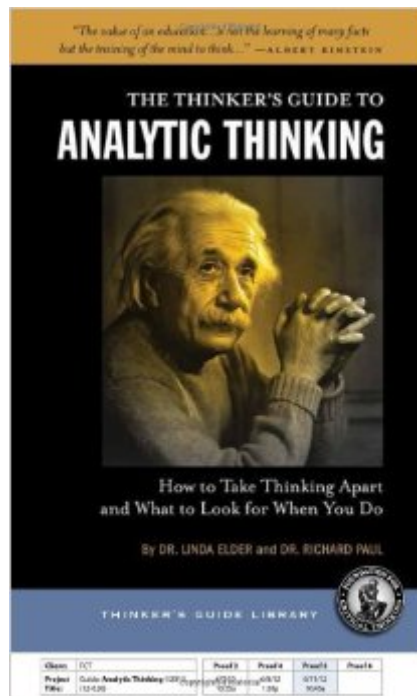


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Thinker's Guide To Analytic Thinking: How To Take Thinking Apart And What To Look For When You Do



Synopsis

This guide focuses on the intellectual skills that enable one to analyze anything one might think about - questions, problems, disciplines, subjects, etc. It provides the common denominator between all forms of analysis. Why a Guide on Analytic Thinking? Analysis and evaluation are recognized as crucial skills for all students to master. And for good reason. These skills are required in learning any significant body of content in a non-trivial way. There are many varieties of analysis specific to particular disciplines and technical practices. These forms of analysis often require technical training of a specialized nature. For example, one cannot do qualitative analysis in chemistry without instruction in chemistry. What we have provided in this guide, however, is the common denominator between all forms of analysis because all forms require thoughtful application and all thought presupposes the elements of thought. For example, one cannot think analytically FOR NO PURPOSE. Or think analytically, with NO QUESTION in mind. In order to develop the analytic mind, there must be guidance, instruction, and practice in monitoring thinking using intellectual tools applicable to every discipline. Everyone needs to learn to question purposes, goals, problem definitions, information, concepts, etc. It is these interdisciplinary analytic tools that enable those skilled in them to understand and assess their analytic thinking, whether in a highly technical area or in an everyday personal application. It is these analytic tools that enable one to get at the most fundamental logic of any discipline, subject, problem, or issue. They provide the means for transfer of learning between and among subjects and disciplines. They enable motivated persons to gain an overview of their learning in any and every situation analyzed, to think their way into and out of various intellectual domains. This thinker's guide serves as a launching pad toward analytic proficiency.

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I had my doubts that this book would be useful to me, the average (but highly curious) person. Still, I bought it regardless, because I like to try my hand at engaging new concepts and challenging myself. What I found when I opened this book and began reading was something above and beyond my expectations. It was easy to understand, useful, and most importantly, both illuminating and practical, even for someone like myself with no academic background. It clearly describes the logical processes inherent in every thought we have, alongside diagrams depicting the cycles that a thought goes through from start to conclusion. It even provides examples and simple challenges meant to help you deepen your understanding of and ability to use the concepts therein. The intent of the book is to make the reader cognizant of these processes and patterns that all of us go through when thinking and choosing to act, with the hope that it will provide us with the ability to refine the processes, make them clearer and more coherent, and to take control of our thoughts to our own benefit. This book, and all of the others like it that I own, are simply fantastic, and even if you've no intention to use them in an academic setting, they're still intensely useful for every day life and personal self-development.

While the content is very basic, more a trip back into review of the fundamentals, it is a very good book. Kind of short, but good.. For those new to Analytics, it is a good introduction of talking points. If you have been around Analytics it is a very nice review.. True if you have other books she has written she has tendency to repeat material from book to book. However it seems to be more she is showing how some ideas, have many themes in common. It is well worth the time to read,, as to price, think that is a matter of personal opinion. This is a topic that can get complex very fast, and it is difficult to find summary of key ideas on this topic. This book does that, so I give it five stars.

Was taking a class that stressed critical thinking. This seems to be a buzz word for professors to use when asking you to answer essays. However, they don't really get into what it means to think critically. When you question them they claim you should know. This book helps guide and give a good understanding of what it really means to think critically. I got a number of books like this from the same authors and they do repeat, but the price was right.

This guide contains a wealth of content in a tight and well-written way. It provides a good check list and helpful considerations to ensure your analysis is complete and aware of any biases. An invaluable reference too to keep at close by at your finger tips.

Good book overall, however the section on the logic of ecology is so full of spelling errors that it is borderline comical. For a book on attention to detail and analyzing information this is an extremely poor oversight.

It's a template for improved thinking. Most of us are disorganized to some degree in our thinking processes. This little book, which is deceptively small, is actually quite vast in its re-organization potential.

To think about thinking is often ignored. This book demonstrates why, many a times, we commit avoidable mistakes. When we follow structured thinking we are on a course of self correction. Result is clarity , confidence , self assurance . It takes our performance to next level. It is well written.

I like the clear presentation of the principles of critical thinking and have developed the Point of View that this is a subject that provides a foundation for any person's education. Without this, true education is not possible!

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