

To Analyze Thinking We Must Identify and Question its Elemental Structures

Use the elements with sensitivity
to Intellectual Standards »

Clarity

Accuracy

Precision

Relevance

Depth

Breadth

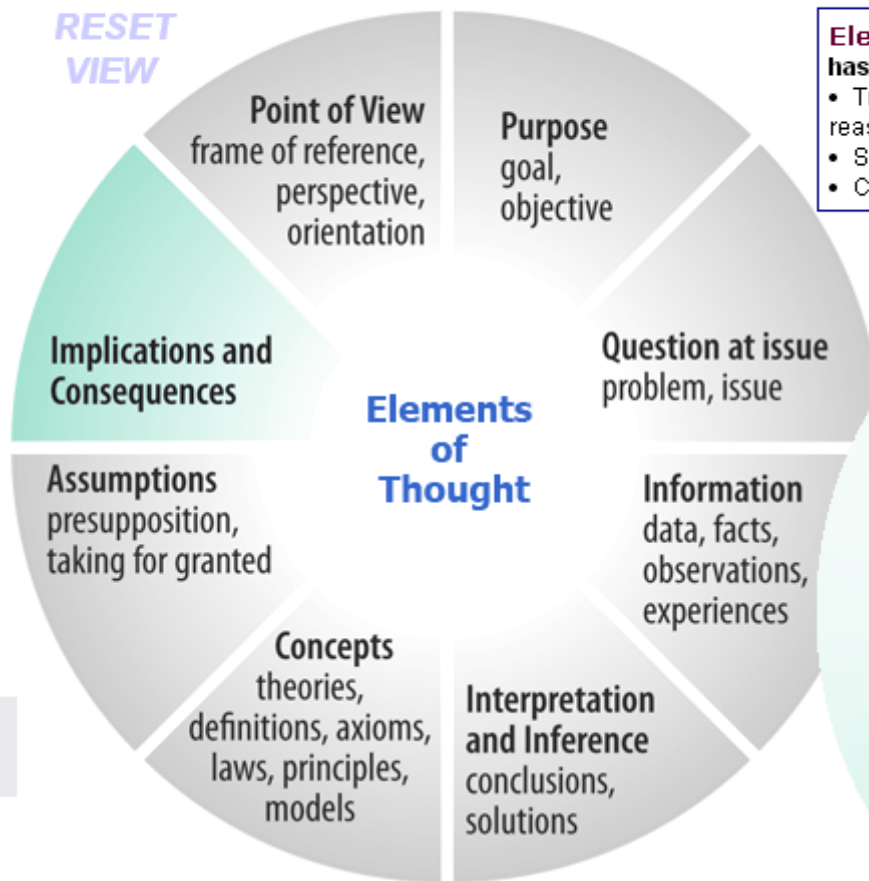
Logic

Significance

Fairness

more...

RESET
VIEW



Element: Implications All reasoning leads somewhere or has **IMPLICATIONS** and **CONSEQUENCES**.

- Trace the implications and consequences that follow from your reasoning.
- Search for negative as well as positive implications.
- Consider all possible consequences.

Think Through the... Implications and Consequences

Implications are claims or truths that logically follow from other claims or truths. Implications follow from thoughts. Consequences follow from actions.

Implications are inherent in your thoughts, whether you see them or not. The best thinkers think through the logical implications in a situation before acting.

Questions you can ask about implications

- If I decide to do "X", what things might happen?
- If I decide not to do "X", what things might happen?
- What are you implying when you say that?
- What is likely to happen if we do this versus that?
- Are you implying that...?
- How significant are the implications of this decision?
- What, if anything, is implied by the fact that a much higher percentage of poor people are in jail than wealthy people?



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Online Model for learning the Elements and Standards of Critical Thinking

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