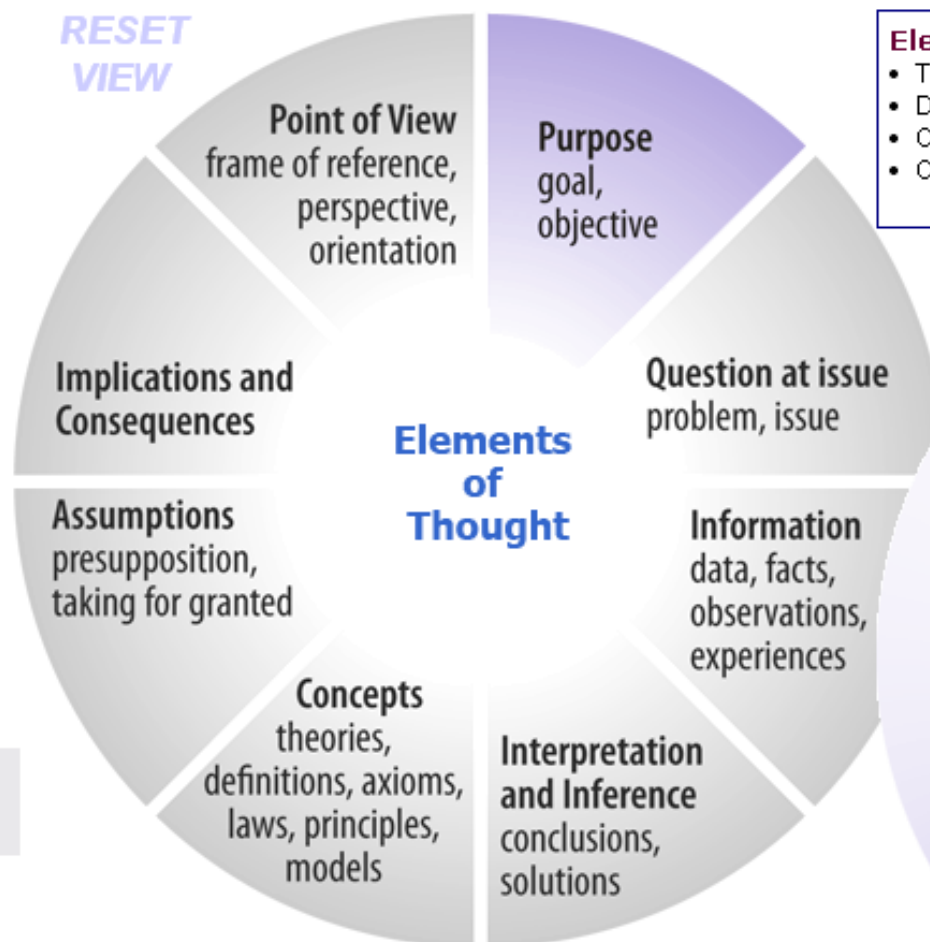


To Analyze Thinking We Must Identify and Question its Elemental Structures

Use the elements with sensitivity
to Intellectual Standards »

Clarity	Accuracy	Precision	Relevance	Depth
Breadth	Logic	Significance	Fairness	more...

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Element: Purpose All reasoning has a PURPOSE.

- Take time to state your purpose clearly.
- Distinguish your purpose from related purposes.
- Check periodically to be sure you are still on target.
- Choose significant and realistic purposes.

Think About... Purpose

Your purpose is your goal, your objective, what you are trying to accomplish. We also use the term to include functions, motives, and intentions.

You should be clear about your purpose, and your purpose should be justifiable.

Questions which target purpose

- What is your, my, their purpose in doing _____?
- What is the objective of this assignment (task, job, experiment, policy, strategy, etc.)?
- Should we question, refine, modify our purpose (goal, objective, etc.)?
- What is the purpose of this meeting (chapter, relationship, action)?
- What is your central aim in this line of thought?
- What is the purpose of education?
- Why did you say...?



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