

Critical Thinking Quotes

"If there was one life skill everyone on the planet needed, it was the ability to think with critical objectivity"

~ Josh Lanyon, *Come Unto These Yellow Sands*

"Critical thinking is thinking about your thinking while you're thinking in order to make your thinking better."

~ Richard Paul

"If we are not prepared to think for ourselves, and to make the effort to learn how to do this well, we will always be in danger of becoming slaves to the ideas and values of others due to our own ignorance."

~ William Hughes

"One of the most important things one can do in life is to brutally question every single thing you are taught."

~ Bryant McGill, *Voice of Reason*

"Critical thinking is a necessary and vital skill".

~ R. Alan Woods [2012]"

"We are approaching a new age of synthesis. Knowledge cannot be merely a degree or a skill... it demands a broader vision, capabilities in critical thinking and logical deduction without which we cannot have constructive progress."

~ Li Ka-shing

"Obstacles, of course, are developmentally necessary: they teach kids strategy, patience, critical thinking, resilience and resourcefulness."

~ Naomi Wolf

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

"We are drowning in information, while starving for wisdom. The world henceforth will be run by synthesizers, people able to put together the right information at the right time, think critically about it, and make important choices wisely."

~ E. O. Wilson

"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it."

~ Aristotle

"The problem with many youngsters today is not that they don't have opinions but that they don't have the facts on which to base their opinions."

~ Albert Shanker, late former president of the American Federation of Teachers

"The less you know, the more you think you know, because you don't know you don't know."

~ Ray Stevens

"Believing is easier than thinking. Hence so many more believers than thinkers."

~ Bruce Calvert

"Begin challenging your own assumptions. Your assumptions are your windows on the world. Scrub them off every once in a while, or the light won't come in."

~ Alan Alda

"[Thinking is] what a great many people think they are doing when they are merely rearranging their prejudices."

~ William James

"No problem can withstand the assault of sustained thinking."

~ Voltaire

"Watch your thoughts, for they become words. Watch your words, for they become actions. Watch your actions, for they become habits. Watch your habits, for they become character. Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny."

~ Unknown

"Responsibility to yourself means refusing to let others do your thinking, talking, and naming for you; it means learning to respect and use your own brains and instincts; hence, grappling with hard work."

~ Adrienne Rich

"Did you ever stop to think, and forget to start again?"

~ Winnie the Pooh