



## QUESTIONS TO ENHANCE CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS

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When we think critically, we are engaging in intellectual strategies to solve problems and reach informed and logical decisions. Perhaps the most effective way to develop critical thinking skills is to make them a part of every day. One of the most lasting and important lessons we can gain as students of the horse is a strategy to solve the problems we encounter along life's often difficult journey.

### REMEMBERING

Retrieving, recognizing, and recalling relevant knowledge from memory.

- Describe what happened at...?
- Can you tell why...?
- Find the meaning of...?
- Which is true or false...?

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### UNDERSTANDING

Comprehend meaning from oral, written, and graphic messages through interpreting, exemplifying, classifying, summarizing, inferring, comparing, and explaining.

- What do you think could of happened next...?
- Can you distinguish between...?
- What differences exist between...?
- Can you provide an example of what you mean...?

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## APPLYING

Breaking material into constituent parts, determining how the parts relate to one another and to an overall structure or purpose through differentiating, organizing, and attributing.

How was this similar to...?

What do you see as other possible outcomes?

Why did ... changes occur?

What are some of the problems of...?

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## EVALUATING

Making judgments based on criteria and standards through checking and critiquing.

Is there a better solution to...?

How would you have handled...?

How would you feel if...?

How effective are...?

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## CREATING

Putting elements together to form a coherent or functional whole; reorganizing elements into a new pattern or structure through generating, planning, or producing.

Can you see a possible solution to...?

If you had access to all resources how would you deal with...?

What would happen if...?

How many ways can you...?

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