

🌟 9 Principles for Building Critical Thinking Skills

👉 Do you trust the first result that appears in your search engine?

👉 How do you know if the information is accurate?

👉 How do you apply judgement when you're unsure?

📄 A Forbes article highlighted how critical thinking helps professionals assess situations objectively, negotiate effectively, and navigate ambiguity.

-> Top companies prioritize these skills.

Critical thinking sharpens analysis, evaluation, and decision-making, which are key for strong leadership.

👉 9 Ways to build YOUR critical thinking skills:

1) Curiosity: the catalyst for critical thinking.

-> Develop a curious mindset. Ask questions. Seek to understand the "why". Curiosity drives deeper understanding.

② Question Assumptions: challenge the status quo.

→ Gain an as-is understanding first. Is it the best approach? Consider alternative viewpoints.

③ Collaboration: seek diverse perspectives.

→ Share your thinking to broaden your understanding. Discuss ideas with various stakeholders. This helps challenge your assumptions.

④ Accountability: take responsibility for your thinking.

→ Own your thought processes and decisions. Reflect on your reasoning. Be willing to adjust.

⑤ Continuous Learning: stay curious and adaptable.

→ Embrace a growth mindset. Seek new information from various sources.

⑥ Effective Communication: articulate your thoughts clearly.

→ Practice expressing ideas with others. Clear and concise communication helps others understand your perspective.

⑦ Self-Leadership: guide your own development.

→ Set SMART goals. Create a plan for development. Share the goal with others for accountability.

⑧ Resilience: embrace challenges and learn from them.

→ Don't give up. Adapt. Perseverance builds resilience.

⑨ Reflection: learn from your experiences.

→ Reflect regularly. What went well? What could you do better? Analyzing past experiences improves future decision-making.

Curiosity is the foundation of critical thinking.

🧵 Personal reflection: Before adopting new technology, I had to have an opinion on whether it would work for us. I researched, tested, and sought expert opinions. I wanted more than secondhand information. I needed my OWN perspective.

👉 Which of these principles do you find most important and why?

Let's connect on your personal career journey.