



Thinking Critically

Children have access to information from many sources and in many forms. It is vitally important that they develop the skills to think critically about what they read i.e. not to trust the information just because it is written.

Readers consider

- how dated is the information?
- is the author an expert in this field?
- do other texts present a different viewpoint?



The following are examples of critical thinking questions that can be used with any text:

- From what perspective was the book written?
- Why did the author choose to tell this story this way?
- How does the author try and influence the reader?
- What did the author not tell you about?
- What views/opinions/beliefs are missing in this book?
- How do the author's ideas differ from yours?