

# 5 Year College Journey Question 2009-13

**“I have A Solution To Apply”**



**What Is Critical Thinking?  
How Do You Critical Think?  
Critical Thinking Is...**



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1. August 2009 the 1<sup>st</sup> day of College, I was told If You want to make it through College successfully you have to **Master** the art/skill of critical thinking.
2. Over the course of the next five years I set out to define what people ie.. my college Professors and other educators one question; what is critical thinking?
3. I was given hundreds of answers from hundreds of people I asked across America.
4. From my recollection to the best of my remembrance, I never received the exact same answer.

5. I did not want a book answer, Google answer, Wikipedia answer, rather I wanted an answer from persons in the teaching profession, or current and former college students.

## What is the meaning of critical thinking?

1. On 9 April 2013 I experienced my first ever “Critical Think Presentation”. The Presenters were Dr Williams and Dr Slusser, Faculty Members of the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Criminal Justice & Marriage and Family Department at Valdosta State University.
2. During the Presentation Dr Williams **shared one definition of Critical Thinking** they used for their research. Dr Williams advised us to write it down. As I was writing the definition down; it seemed to exemplify a majority of the answers I had received over this five year period.
3. I was now nearing the end of my 5 year college degree Journey (I did not attend college to earn a degree, I attended college to position myself to help others enrolled and graduate.)
4. During my first year of college I had to opportunity to hear Dr Tyrone Bledsoe, (below) Speak to South Georgia College In Douglas GA about Student African American Brotherhood (SAAB) Org.

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**Dr. Tyrone Bledsoe is founder and current Executive Director of the Student African American Brotherhood (SAAB) Organization----a national organization with over 250 chapters in 40 states that endeavors to instill a “spirit of care” in, and enhance the experiences of, African American and Latino males in middle schools, high schools, colleges, and universities.**

5. Dr Tyrone Bledsoe educated me on the plight the African American Male College enrolment and graduation rates. **That night I made a special VOW!** to Graduate College an not drop out adding to the huge numbers of African American Males who did not graduate for one reason or another.
6. On the ride back to Valdosta GA with Mr Charles Ward my remedial college algebra teacher and his bride Ms Bonnie Ward we had a discussion on and about critical thinking. I remember saying to myself **“I have to master the art/skill of Critical Thinking.”**

7. This led me back to my journey to find the SECRET of what Critical Thinking was. I know if I mastered this art/skill my destination would be achieved. I also knew if I wanted to help others attend college and graduate mastering this task would better position me to achieve my life long goal.

Then It Happen 9 April 2013, Dr Williams critical thinking definition was on a PowerPoint slide and He said write it down. It was as if five years of answers a bottled up inside me came to a single meeting place, Dr Williams PowerPoint presentation. WOW!

## “Critical Thinking Is Having”

“The ability to evaluate, reason, and question ideas and information, while demonstrating awareness of broader social and cultural context.”

I decided to get the synonym of the words to help me get a better understanding of what my satisfied five year curiosity desire to know about critical thinking.

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| <b>1. The ability:</b> | 1)aptitude 2)skill 3)capability 4)facility 5)talent 6)gift 7)knack |
| <b>2. To evaluate:</b> | 1)assess 2)appraise, 3)weigh up 4)estimate, 5)calculate            |
| <b>3. Reason and:</b>  | 1)cause 2)motive, 3)basis 4)grounds, 5)rationale 6)explanation,    |

### 4. Question ideas and information,

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| <b>5. While:</b>         | 1)at the same time as 2):even as 3)whereas 4)despite the fact that  |
| <b>6. Demonstrating:</b> | 1) representing 2)signifying 3) indicative of 4)indicating          |
| <b>7. Awareness of:</b>  | 1)consciousness 2)attentiveness 3)knowledge 4)understanding         |
| <b>8. Broader:</b>       | 1)wide-ranging 2)extensive 3)expansive 4)wide-ranging 5)large       |
| <b>9. Social and:</b>    | 1)collective 2) group 3)community 4) societal                       |
| <b>10. Cultural:</b>     | 1)educational 2)edifying 3) enlightening 4)enriching 5)intellectual |
| <b>11. Context:</b>      | 1) background 2)framework 3)perspective 4)environment               |

My goal the rest of Spring Semester 2013 through Fall Semester 2013 is to master these on purpose. I feel like I have been doing some of them at times and all of them never at one time. Dr Williams informed me there are other definitions for critical thinking; this is the one they chose for their research. I have already decided on the name of my next book **“In Action Is Action In Action”** This Critical Thinking definition will be at the very beginning.

**The Fighting Tiger is My High School Mascot This is my Picture of Critical Thinking**

