



### **Anthem Critical Thinking and Writing Skills**

An Introductory Guide

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#### **Description**

**Focuses on critical thinking and persuasive writing skills; an excellent companion text for high school and college English writing classes.**

*Anthem Critical Thinking and Writing Skills: An Introductory Guide* helps readers in the process of critical thinking and persuasive speaking and writing. The concepts of critical thinking and evaluation are presented in a clear, easy-to-understand format. Students learn how to form a proposition, identify issues, gather evidence, and process an argument.

Logic games, puzzles, and real life examples ask students to evaluate how we evaluate, analyze, and decide. Then a more formal look at induction and deduction challenges students to practice higher-level thinking skills, such as the use of analogies for evaluation, and working through syllogisms to process ideas. Instruction is included on processing a formal persuasive paper. Readers can have some literary logic fun by analyzing old standards like "Love is a Fallacy" and the persuasive love poem "The Passionate Shepherd".

Short chapters and clear practice exercises make the book easy to use as a basic or supplemental text.

**Readership:** High school teachers and college faculty who need a concise supplemental text to help students use clear critical thinking in their writing. Individuals who want a guide book for self-improvement in logic.

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Chapter 1. Introduction to Critical Thinking; Chapter 2. What Is Argument?; Chapter 3. Research and Gathering Evidence; Chapter 4. Inductive Reasoning; Chapter 5. Deductive Reasoning; Chapter 6. Errors in Reasoning: The Classical Fallacies; Chapter 7. Reasoning through the Ages; Chapter 8. Putting It All Together: A Research Project; Appendix 1. Answers for Practice Exercises and Chapter Reviews; Appendix 2. Logic Test; Appendix 3. Answers to Logic Test; Appendix 4. Persuasive Research Paper Rubric; Index

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