

### Holistic Critical Thinking Scoring Rubric

<b>6</b> <b>(highest)</b>	<p><b>Portfolio consistently does all or almost all of the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accurately interprets evidence, statements, graphics, questions, etc.</li> <li>• Identifies the salient arguments (reasons and claims) pro and con.</li> <li>• Thoughtfully analyzes and evaluates major alternative points of view.</li> <li>• Generates alternative explanations of phenomena or event.</li> <li>• Justifies key results and procedures, explains assumptions and reasons.</li> <li>• Fair-mindedly follows where evidence and reasons lead.</li> <li>• Makes ethical judgments</li> </ul>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Portfolio does most of the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accurately interprets evidence, statements, graphics, questions, etc.</li> <li>• {Thinks through issues by} Identifying relevant arguments (reasons and claims) pro and con.</li> <li>• Offers analysis and evaluation of obvious alternative points of view</li> <li>• Generates alternative explanations of phenomena or event.</li> <li>• Justifies (by using) some results or procedures, explains reasons.</li> <li>• Fair-mindedly follows where evidence and reasons leads.</li> </ul>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Portfolio does most of the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describes events, people, and places with some supporting details from the source.</li> <li>• Make connections to sources, either personal or analytic.</li> <li>• Demonstrates a basic ability to analyze, interpret, and formulate inferences.</li> <li>• States or briefly includes more than one perspective in discussing literature, experiences, and points of view of others.</li> <li>• Takes some risks by occasionally questioning sources, or stating interpretations and predictions.</li> <li>• Demonstrates little evidence of rethinking or refinement of ones own perspective.</li> </ul>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Portfolio does most or many of the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responds by retelling or graphically showing events or facts.</li> <li>• Makes personal connections or identifies connections within or between sources in a limited way. Is beginning to use appropriate evidence to back ideas.</li> <li>• Discusses literature, experiences, and points of view of others in terms of own experience</li> <li>• Responds to sources at factual or literal level.</li> <li>• Includes little or no evidence of refinement of initial response or shift in dualistic thinking.</li> <li>• Demonstrates difficulty with organization and thinking is uneven</li> </ul>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Portfolio does most or many of the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Misinterprets evidence, statements, graphics, questions, etc.</li> <li>• Fails to identify strong, relevant counter-arguments.</li> <li>• Draws unwarranted or fallacious conclusions.</li> <li>• Justifies few results or procedures, seldom explains reasons.</li> <li>• Regardless of the evidence or reasons, maintains or defends views based on self-interest and/or preconceptions</li> </ul>
<b>1</b> <b>(lowest)</b>	<p><b>Portfolio consistently does all or almost all of the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offers biased interpretations of evidence, statements, graphics, questions, information or the points of view of others.</li> <li>• Fails to identify or hastily dismisses strong, relevant counter-arguments.</li> <li>• Ignores or superficially evaluates obvious alternative points of view. Argues using fallacious or irrelevant reasons, and unwarranted claims.</li> <li>• Does not justify results or procedures, nor explains reasons.</li> <li>• Exhibits close-mindedness or hostility to reason</li> </ul>

