Focus on Critical Thinking
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   - Facilitator: Moderate conversation so that all have an opportunity to contribute, and refocus the conversation, if necessary
   - Time-Keeper: Keep group on-task during brainstorming session
   - Recorder: Record highlights below and report out key points from discussion

3. Have each participant consider the questions below. Allot a few minutes for individual, silent reflection.

   Defining Critical Thinking: What is it? What does it look like?

4. Brainstorming session: Ask each participant to share his/her responses to the questions. Make sure that each person has a chance to respond. Approx. 5-10 minutes

5. Small group exchange: Use the remaining time to discuss common themes and innovative ideas. Approx. 5-10 minutes

6. Recorders from each group will share key points from the small group discussions, and the large group will engage in an exchange of ideas.
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Part 2

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   Assessing Critical Thinking: What are its attributes? How do you measure it?

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