

Structuring your critical thinking

This handout provides another approach you can use to structure your critical thinking. This structure can be used with any subject.

Scenario: you have been asked to write an assignment about the following:
'Critically discuss some of the most important skills necessary to be successful at undergraduate study in the UK'

Make a note of responses to the questions below.

<p>What are some of the most important skills you have used on your programme so far?</p>	
<p>Provide more descriptive detail of one of the skills you have identified. (What? When? Where? Why?)</p>	
<p>Are there benefits (positive outcomes) of using this skill? (What are these benefits? Why do you consider them to be benefits? How do you think this skill might benefit your studies?)</p>	
<p>Are there drawbacks (negative outcomes) of using critical thinking skills? (What are these drawbacks? Why do you consider them to be drawbacks? How do you think this skill might negatively impact on your studies?)</p>	
<p>So what are the wider implications of using (or not using) this skills?</p>	

