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Asking the Right Questions: A Guide to Critical Thinking

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In-Depth Summary & Core Lessons

Asking the Right Questions – The Essential Guide to Critical Thinking Asking the Right Questions is arguably the most practical and accessible guide to critical thinking ever written. M. Neil Browne and Stuart M. Keeley provide a systematic, question-based approach that empowers readers to evaluate the barrage of information, claims, and arguments they encounter daily. The book's central thesis is that critical thinking is fundamentally an active, questioning process, not a passive one. The authors introduce the concept of the "Sponge Approach" (passive absorption) versus the "Panning-for-Gold Approach" (active questioning and evaluation). They then guide the reader through a series of ten critical questions to ask when faced with any claim, including: What are the Issue and Conclusion? What are the Reasons? What are the Assumptions? Are there Fallacies in the reasoning? How good is the Evidence? And what are the Alternative Causes? This book is an indispensable tool for students, professionals, and citizens who want to cut through rhetoric, identify flawed logic, and make sound, evidence-based decisions.

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Notable Quotes

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why ' Asking the Right Questions: A Guide to Critical Thinking ' is a Must-Read

Key insights from Asking the Right Questions: A Guide to Critical Thinking addressing this question.

Q: What is the "Panning-for-Gold Approach" to critical thinking?

Key insights from Asking the Right Questions: A Guide to Critical Thinking addressing this question.

Q: What are the ten critical questions in the book?

Key insights from Asking the Right Questions: A Guide to Critical Thinking addressing this question.

Q: Is this book only for academic use?

Key insights from Asking the Right Questions: A Guide to Critical Thinking addressing this question.

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