

CRITICAL THINKING WORKSHEET			
	Questions	Argument Being Analyzed	Response(s)
Interests	(1) Whose interests are relevant in the case (e.g., person, group of people, business/institution, culture, animal, non-human entity)? (2) What factors about the entity's identity affect the nature and strength of the interests?		
Gains & Losses	(1) What are the gains and/or losses -- either demonstrated or likely -- to the relevant parties (e.g., physical or emotional harm or pleasure, financial or other setback or gain, rights promoted or violated, greater or lesser procedural efficiencies)?		
Values	(1) What values are being called upon (e.g., happiness, autonomy, selflessness/selfishness, rights, duties, care, flexibility, integrity, cultural values, efficiency, law abidance)?		
General Questions	(1) What general questions are being raised in this case? For example: When is it right to break a rule or a norm in favor of X? What is the purpose of X? What is the best means to X? How do we balance X and Y?		
Distinctions	(1) What sorts of distinctions are being made in this case? For example: Kantian v. Utilitarian? Fair v. Efficiency? Blameworthiness v. Responsibility? Public v. Private Morality? Short v. Long-Term Interests or Goals? Necessary v. Permissible? (2) Articulate where/how in the argument such distinctions are being drawn upon/used		
Scope or Other Implications of Proposed Action	(1) What is the scope of the proposed action (e.g., broad, narrow)? (2) What sorts of implications obtain from the proposed action (e.g., theoretical and/or practical)?		
Your Objection(s) to the Proposed Action	(1) Why/How do you feel the proposed action fails? For example: Faulty Assumptions? Inadequate Evidence? Logical Fallacies? Hyperbolization of Certain Aspects of the Case? Impractical?		
Response(s) to Your Objection(s)	(1) What sorts of objections can be made to your response? For example: Faulty Assumptions? Confusion about Terms? Clarification of Scope or Significance of an Argument? Better than the Alternatives Because X?		
Your Response(s) to Objections Raised	(1) How might you respond to the points made against your objections?		