



Critical Thinking Questions (Practice)

The ideas from this practice activity will be used to build the sample critical comparison essay later in the lesson.

Point of argument from Wohlsen

1. Point of argument

Wohlsen argues that being able to use digital technology is not an effective measure of digital literacy; rather, that true digital literacy is in the ability to make the technology do what you want using skills in “computational thinking.”

Let’s look more closely at why Wohlsen would make this point and what is at stake for him.

Answer the questions below. When you’ve finished, review the sample answer.

What evidence is used to support the argument?

What assumptions does the writer make as the basis of the argument?

What are the consequences or implications of the arguments offered by the writer?



Critical Thinking and Comparison

2. Wohlsen argues that one problem with achieving digital literacy is that teachers do not, generally, have the skills needed to help students become digitally literate.

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