**8.** Complete the following and post your responses to the [**Course Forum**](https://community.criticalthinking.org/myGroups.php?param=262). (We recommend saving your work in a digital document and uploading it, rather than writing your responses directly into the forum.)

1. Write a brief summary answering the question, “What is critical thinking?” As you write your summary, you may wish to return to any or all of the resources above as needed.

Critical thinking is the art of analyze and evaluating my thinking with my goal of improving my thinking. For Critical Thinking to occur, I need to monitor, evaluate, and subject my thinking to rigorous standards of excellence for my thinking to improve. Critical Thinking requires Effective communication and problem-solving abilities as well as reducing my egocentric and sociocentric thought processes.

1. Write a brief summary answering the question, “How is the conception of critical thinking presented here different from conceptions of critical thinking that I have previously encountered?”

To be honest, never before had I encountered any other conceptions of critical thinking. Said differently, when I came across our subject model about 8 years ago I did not even know, much less understand, there was a concept of “Critical Thinking.” Thus, it’s hard to compare to other models because I had never encountered any others.

1. Write briefly about how you can begin to apply this module’s content to your daily life.

I can begin to apply today to my everyday thinking The Standards of Critical Thinking (clarity, accuracy, relevance, logicalness, breadth, Precision, Significance, completeness, fairness and depth) in order to seek, and obtain, the Intellectual Traits (humility, autonomy, integrity, courage, perseverance, empathy, fairmindedness, and confidence in reason). I can see that immediate applications can include my conversations, what I read, what I listen, and even the quality of my relationships and friendships.

**d.**Write a little about yourself: your name, title, school or professional affiliation, your motivation for taking this course, and what you hope to learn in it. We want to be on a first-name basis throughout the course.

HI everyone! My full name is Omar Daniel Lopez, yet I socially go by “Daniel.” In commercial real estate I work professionally as a Senior Director. Specifically, I close commercial mortgages that range from $1 million to $1 billion USD. Since 2005 I earn my living in this field, after graduation from Texas A&M University in May 2005 with a master degree in commercial real estate. My primary purpose for joining our course is to learn how to think critically mostly for personal reasons – and to improve my life, the quality of my relationships, and thus my present and my future.