

## Critical Thinking and Writing

(Your submissions in this category may be used for other categories.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

Banner ID \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and send this document along with your submission.

**Please include an example of your best writing that demonstrates your critical thinking skills. As stated in Truman's LSP outcomes, good writing is a reflection of good thinking. Thus, as a result of an intellectual process that communicates meaning to a reader, good writing integrates ideas through analysis, evaluation, and the synthesis of ideas and concepts. Good writing also exhibits skill in language usage and clarity of expression through good organization.**

**Faculty readers will evaluate your writing sample with attention to four areas:**

- 1. Thinking (developing ideas, making connections between ideas, integrating ideas to make meaning) For further information regarding the nature of critical thinking, review the prompt entitled "Critical Thinking Definitions".**
- 2. Organization (communicating a purpose, writing clearly, making strong arguments, drawing conclusions)**
- 3. Style (employing appropriate voice and tone, having an audience in mind, choosing appropriate words, using appropriate sentence structures)**
- 4. Mechanics (adhering to the accepted conventions of grammar and punctuation, spelling words correctly)**

**As you consider this category, you may find that a submission from another category demonstrates strong critical thinking and writing. If so, feel free to use that item for this category as well.**

**NOTE: Do not submit a writing sample from ENG 190 ("Writing as Critical Thinking") simply because this course focuses on critical thinking and writing. Typically students compose their best critical writing later in college..**

◆ Source of this entry?

Course number and name: \_\_\_\_\_

Which best describes this course?    \_\_\_ LSP    \_\_\_ Major    \_\_\_ Minor    \_\_\_ Elective

**OR** other source: (describe specifically) \_\_\_\_\_

◆ In which year did you originally produce this work?    \_\_\_ Fr.    \_\_\_ So.    \_\_\_ Ju.    \_\_\_ Sr.

◆ Was this work the result of collaboration?    \_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_ No

◆ Please describe the instructor's assignment. If the work was not generated by an assignment, please describe your purpose and process in using this kind of thinking.

**Please reflect on the kinds of thinking you engage in with this work.**

**Also comment on how you have grown in critical thinking skills since arriving at Truman.**

**This self-assessment is as important to us as the work you submit, and we will read it with care.**