

Critical thinking course syllabus



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Course Overview:

These lessons contain readings based on hot topics from the news. Lessons include warm-up questions, a reading, vocabulary development tasks, and two statements for debate. Mini-debates are useful for exam prep classes where students must learn to speak or write opinions on both sides of an issue.

Course Materials provided:

- PDF materials
- Mp3 recordings of content
- Photos/video clips

Resources needed:

- Google meet ready device
- Pen and paper – group works
- Color pencils

Course Schedule

Week	Subject	Content
Week 1	Space Tourism	Students read about the future of space tourism. The lesson includes vocabulary review exercises, comprehension questions, and discussion questions.
Week 2	Classrooms of the Future	In this lesson, students read about and discuss classrooms of the future. They review related word forms and survey their classmates about classrooms.
Week 3	Deforestation	Students read about deforestation. The lesson includes vocabulary review exercises, comprehension

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		questions, and discussion questions.
Week 4	Russia vs Ukraine war	In this lesson featuring content from The Washington Post, students read about families fleeing their homes in Ukraine in the immediate aftermath of Russia's attack. This lesson includes vocabulary, comprehension questions, a photo, and a speaking task.
Week 5	Ocean Garbage	Students read about and discuss ocean garbage. They review related word forms and survey their classmates on how to stop littering.
Week 6	Bullying	Students read about and discuss bullying. They review related word forms and survey their classmates on what can be done about bullying.

Homework Policy

Students will be assigned a homework. Debate preparation will be a part of the homework.

Additional Information

Proposed draft of the curriculum can be adjusted according to students' needs and parents' expectations.

