

BOOK LIST

Logic & Critical Thinking

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Title	Edition	Author/Editor	ISBN	Available on the Academy's Bookstore?
Critical Thinking <i>(Digital Access Package through McGraw Hill Connect)</i>	13 th	Moore, Brooke Noel & Parker, Richard	Purchasing information provided by instructor when class begins.	No
Your Mind Matters	2007	Stott, John	978-0830834082	Yes—find it here.
Computer Microphone <i>(required)</i>				

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Critical Thinking by Moore and Parker

SYNOPSIS: *Critical Thinking* is a standard, college-level textbook which comprehensively introduces students to the basics of logic and critical thinking.

→ **REASONS FOR TEACHING:** *Critical Thinking* is an easy-to-read, engaging textbook. It contains hundreds of practice exercises and offers many online resources. Though it is marketed as a college text, it is well within the reading range of most high school students. Students learn about the structures of reasoning—how to clarify and understand what others say and further identify good and bad types of reasoning. In a balanced way, the textbook teaches both the formal (more mathematical) and the informal (more rhetorical) aspects of logic and critical thinking. By teaching both the logical norms of good reasoning and aspects of critical thinking which build off good logic, the text provides a well-rounded, practical introduction to the subject.

DISCLAIMER: This book applies critical thinking skills to current political and cultural issues. The text and homework sets often broach topics such as gun control, abortion, legalizing drugs, gay marriage, etc. by providing reasoning on both sides of the issues. While the authors generally do a good job remaining balanced and presenting both good and flawed reasoning from opposing viewpoints, they sometimes take positions with which readers may not agree. In our class discussions, we will do our best to cover all such topics in a respectful, student-friendly manner, and from a biblical perspective.

Your Mind Matters by John Stott

SYNOPSIS: In this book, Stott provides theological and scriptural reasons for Christians to value and cultivate their ability to think. He demonstrates that critical thinking is an area of Christian discipleship which aids Christian service.

→ **REASONS FOR TEACHING:** This short book pairs well with other articles by Christian thinkers to provide particularly Christian reasons for students to learn the art of good

reasoning. Stott's book also provides the opportunity to talk about the place of logic in God's universe and in a Christian's life.