

Want to ace your next job interview? Hone your critical thinking skills!



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How can a student develop their critical thinking skills?

Critical thinking skills can be developed by considering and pondering over different perspectives, being willing to engage in your own research on topics, and by being open to creative and innovative ways to problem solve.

How can students use critical thinking skills to improve their writing?

I have always loved the process of brainstorming. Brainstorming is when you write down every thought that comes into your head. Then later, you structure those same thoughts into logical and coherent sentences that explicitly express the information you are trying to convey to the reader.

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4 Riveting Black Writers to Read Every Month in 2023

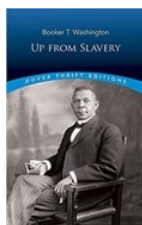
The Blacker the Berry by Wallace Thurman



By a prolific figure in the Harlem Renaissance, this novel is one of the first to depict the concept of colorism and sexuality and reveal how the world often perceived Black people with darker skin.

Up from Slavery by Booker T. Washington

Revealing autobiography, written by a graduate of what is now Hampton Institute (Va.), details his childhood during the Civil War, his higher education experience, and his becoming president of Tuskegee Institute.



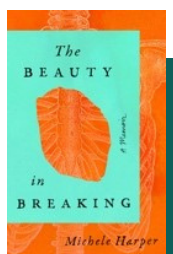
The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison



From the celebrated Nobel Prize winner – a powerful story that follows a young girl, a victim of abuse, who navigates internalized racism, class, and gender discrimination in her community.

The Beauty in Breaking: A Memoir by Michele Harper

A moving chronicle of an African American ER doctor whose abusive childhood and career experiences enrich her story of emotional and physical healing from responding to trauma and reflecting on racism and sexism along the way.



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What advice do you have for students going into a job interview?

First of all, students should research the company's mission statement, vision statement, and strategic goals. Then the student should list his or her knowledge, skills, and abilities that can help that organization meet its goals. Secondly, professional dress is a must. Dressing for success is one way to present yourself as a professional who is ready to excel and take advantage of opportunities.

Is there anything a potential employer notices that most students don't think about going into an interview?

If you really want to stand out as a prospective employee, you must show the interviewer that you have conducted research on the company. Mention the CEO's name. Talk about their vision for the company and how you have the skills necessary to help them reach their goals. Remember, employment is a two-way contract. The company wants to use your intellectual capital to help them increase profits and you are seeking employment in order to pursue your occupational goals and live a comfortable lifestyle.



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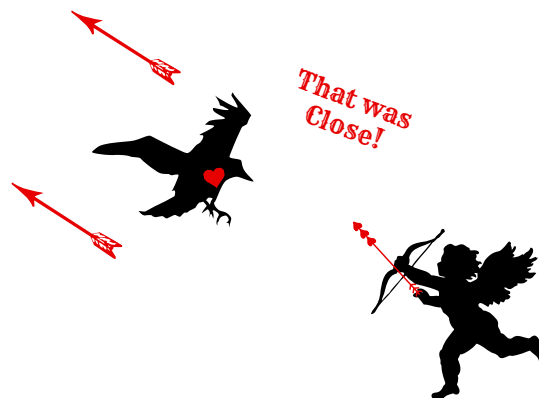


Bitter Sweets

We're aware that Valentine's Day season may not be exciting for everyone. If, like us, you find yourself solo on the big day, celebrate! There are things you can do to make the day your own!

No, we don't let our (imaginary) boxes of chocolates turn into bunches of sour grapes. We've got some tips on what you can do instead:

- Treat yourself to dinner at your favorite restaurant.
- Hang out with some of your single friends.
- Take some time off for yourself to relax and enjoy your hobbies.
- Buy all chocolate on sale on Feb. 15!



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