



Identify the main line of reasoning

- Try summarising the main line of reasoning in your own words
- Is the line of reasoning clear from the text? Give reasons for your answer.

Critically evaluate the line of reasoning

- Give some propositions (or statements) from the text which add to its line of reasoning.
- Give any examples of points not following in the best logical order.
- Give any examples of flawed reasoning.

Identify hidden agendas

- What hidden agendas might the writer have that would make you question the contents or conclusions of the passage?
- What information might be missing that could paint a different picture?

Identify evidence in the text. What kinds of evidence does the writer use?

Evaluate the evidence given in the text according to valid criteria

- Does the text use up-to-date data?
- Does the text use reliable sources? What are these? What makes you think they are or are not reliable?
- Do you think that there may be any bias in the text? Give reasons and examples.
- Comment on any statistics used. Are these likely to give a true and full picture?

Identify the writer's conclusions

Does the evidence support the writer's conclusions?