QUICK GUIDE TO CRITICAL THINKING AND EVALUATION

START WITH ASKING WHO?
Who wrote it?
Who is it aimed at?
Who will benefit from this?
Who is affected by this?
Who would know more on this?
Who are their sources?
Who is sponsoring this information?

THEN ASK WHAT?
What are they NOT telling me?
What would the opposition say?
What more would I like to know?
What is most/least important?
What are the strengths/weaknesses?

WHERE? WHERE? WHERE?
Where did this information come from?
Where did it happen?
Where is the evidence to back this up?
Where can I validate this information?
Where have I seen a similar opinion?

WHEN?
When did this happen?
When was this written?
When was it last updated?
When might this be useful?
When has this happened before?

WHY?
Why has this been written?
Why did the writer take this point of view?
Why am I seeing this?
Why is this relevant?
Why do people need to know this?

HAVE YOU ASKED HOW?
How do I know its true?
How reliable is this?
How can I tell if this website credible?
How do I know if this is biased?
How would I put this in my own words?
How will this benefit/harm us?