***Critical Thinking – Analyzing the Parts of Thought***

1. **What information does the speaker give?** (*The speaker’s thoughts, details, or actions*.)
2. **What theories or ideas does the speaker present?** (*What do you need to know in order to understand the speaker’s view*?)
3. **What assumptions are being made?** (*What does the speaker take for granted or think is true?)*
4. **What is the issue that the author is dealing with?** *(What problem or question is the author trying to answer?)*
5. **What conclusion can we come to about the information that is given?** (*What can you figure out about the speaker from the idea*?)
6. **What are the implications of the ideas that are presented?** (*What are some possible consequences that would result if the speaker’s ideas were implemented?*)
7. **How would you describe the speaker’s point of view?** *(How does the speaker view the issue?)*
8. **What is the speaker’s purpose?** *(Why did he or she write the work? What did they want to accomplish?)*