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Eight Guidelines For Thinking Critically And Creatively In Psychology

1. Ask questions; be willing to wonder.
2. Define the problem.
3. Examine the evidence.
4. Analyze assumptions and biases.
5. Avoid emotional reasoning.
6. Don't oversimplify (either/or thinking or overgeneralization).
7. Consider other interpretations.
8. Tolerate uncertainty.

For the first week of classes this year, I'm asking students to examine sets of editorials (and, when possible, news articles) on topics related to the budget cuts. Each set includes either a "for" and "against" or an editorial and comments or a news article and editorial, so students should see different sides of the issues raised.

The articles can be organized around topics:

- fee increases
- the state of higher education in California
- faculty furloughs
- the role and history of CSU in California