

Thinking

The stakes are high in our duties and responsibilities in life. The decisions we make have real-world consequences, some immediate, and some delayed, affecting ourselves and others. Making the right choices could literally mean the difference between happiness and remorse, success and failure, and so on. We need to be equipped with the ability to think through scenarios and situations which inevitably arise in our lives, not only for the sake of successful endeavors, but also for the sake of being wise for its own sake.

Education is generally pragmatic, wherein the educators test students on specific data, and as such students will learn the specific data just for the test, often by rote memorization. Too often, then, students are not taught how to think through to solutions; even in math, formulas are memorized and the numbers plugged-in to the formula without an understanding of the formula's formation and what it is solving for, and what are real scenarios it's applicable to. Learning about [Logical Consequence](#) is a good place to start. And here's a short video which explains a logical fallacy known as self-referential incoherency. Avoiding self-referential incoherency leads to thinking that is consistent with itself.