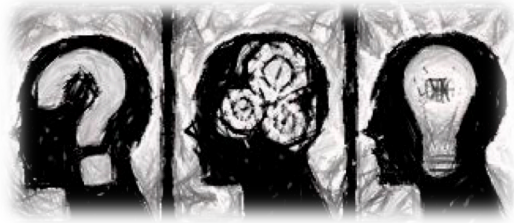


Don't Believe Everything You Think: The Six Basic Mistakes We Make in Thinking by Thomas Kida
College Ready Assessment



Don't Believe Everything You Think: The 6 Basic Mistakes We Make in Thinking discusses how to recognize faulty thinking and develop the necessary skills to become a more effective problem solver. Author Thomas Kida identifies "the six-pack of problems" that leads many of us unconsciously to accept false ideas:

1. We prefer stories to statistics.
2. We seek to confirm, not to question, our ideas.
3. We rarely appreciate the role of chance and coincidence in shaping events.
4. We sometimes misperceive the world around us.
5. We tend to oversimplify our thinking.
6. Our memories are often inaccurate.

Just as Kida vividly illustrates these tendencies with numerous examples that demonstrate how easily we can be fooled into believing something that isn't true, you will need to provide personal narratives, past and current events (social issue), a botched court case, and a "researched" product to prove that the six mistakes we make in thinking are legitimately accurate.

- Must be at least 4 - 8 pages, MLA format
- Must identify and define each of the six mistakes we make in thinking (Kida)
- Must include one interviewed perspective
- Must include one example relating to your social issue
- Must include explanations and interpretations of research
- Must include a clear analysis of the topic and examples to support the claim
- Must provide a potential solution to each problem we make in thinking
- Must include seven sources: interview, *Don't Believe Everything You Think: The Six Basic Mistakes We Make in Thinking*, one court case, and four other credible sources.

[NOTE FROM CONTRIBUTOR: All of the NTN Tasks will include a content area (knowledge and thinking) rubric as well as a written communication rubric. Ideally both rubrics would be used, but teachers would also have the option of using one or the other to focus the task on a narrower set of skills.]