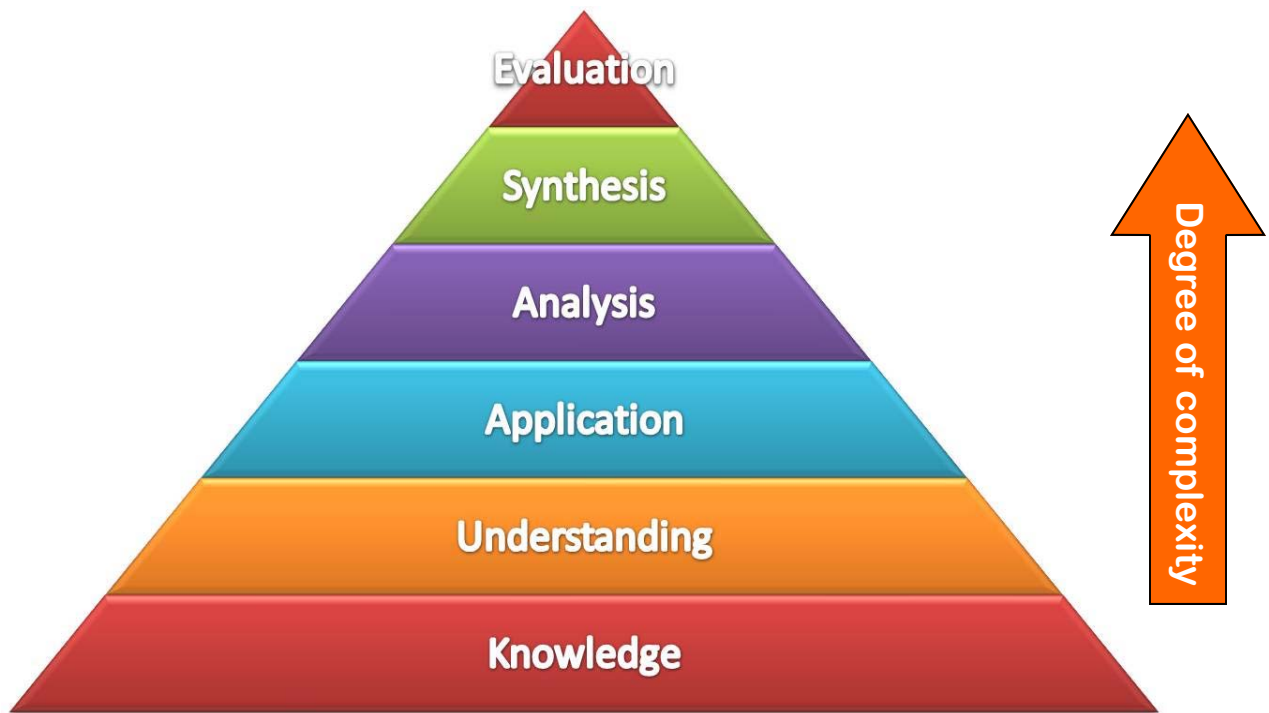


Critical Thinking

Bloom's Taxonomy (1956)



Knowledge — remembering previously learned material; recalling facts, concepts, or information

Comprehension — demonstrating an understanding of the meaning of facts and ideas

Application — solving problems by applying acquired knowledge, facts, techniques, and rules in new situations

Analysis — breaking down concepts and analyzing the organization of parts and the relationship of parts to each other

Synthesis — combining elements or applying previous information or skills to create a new and/or unique whole

Evaluation — making judgments about the value of ideas or materials

Note that many professors are looking for your ability to go beyond knowing and comprehending and will often test you on your ability to apply, analyze, synthesize and evaluate!