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**Resources for teaching diversity and social justice in social work at**

*<https://www.cswe.org/Centers-Initiatives/Centers-for-Diversity.aspx>*

*Learning diversity and social justice*

## Prompts for **CRITICAL THINKING**



Consider your frame of reference  
— and that of others

Identify themes, notice patterns

Analyze (break down an idea)

Synthesize (infer how ideas  
relate to each other)

Use analogies

Reframe private troubles as  
social problems

Draw on your experience

Uncover unstated assumptions

Interpret (explain what  
things mean)

Look for a story in the data

Use conceptual frameworks as  
tools for understanding

Ask what more you need to know

Challenge your patterns of belief

Explore implications/unintended  
consequences

Ask yourself: what does this tell  
us about the way society works?

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