### IDEALS CRITICAL THINKING STRATEGIES

IDEALS encourages students to be purposeful, reasonable, and goal-oriented in their thinking in order to make decisions, formulate inferences, and solve problems.

#### **DENTIFY**

Identify the problem.

What is the real question/problem?

Clearly identify all components of the problem.

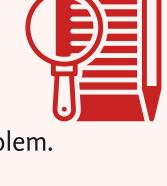


### DEFINE

Define the context.

What are the relevant facts and circumstances that frame this problem?

Brainstorm possible solutions to the problem.



# ENUMERATE

Enumerate the choices.
What are the most plausible options?
Evaluate the viability of each solution.



# ANALYZE

Analyze the options.

What is the best course of action?

Make a list of pros and cons for each solution.



### LIST

List reasons explicitly.
Why is this the best course of action?
Choose the solution that potentially works the best.



## S ELF-CORREFCT

Look at it again... What did I miss? Evaluate the solution after it is in place.

