COLLEGIATE LEARNING ASSESSMENT (CLA)

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WHAT IS THE CLA?

- The CLA is an assessment of your critical thinking and writing skills.
- So what is critical thinking?
- Critical thinking is a organized manner of thought. These skills help you judge the quality of something. It could be anything - a book, a recipe, a news story!
- Depending on the “task” you are assigned, you will have 75 or 90 minutes to finish.
- This assessment is completed on-line.
When you respond to the task(s), be skeptical, be specific, be strategic, be savvy ... and, most importantly, be serious!

- Skeptical - Not all data is useful; some is unimportant
- Specific - Use the evidence for your conclusions
- Strategic - Use ALL support available
- Savvy - Make sure you are doing what is being asked of you
- Serious - Always try your best ... it pays off both in college and the “real world!”
WHAT IS IN IT FOR ME?

- This assessment will prepare you for what to expect during your college experience at NSU.
- It will help with your awareness of critical thinking skills and how to use them in ALL your classes at NSU.
- The #1 criteria employers cite when hiring is the ability for a potential employee to think critically. **You will be applying for a position within an organization one day!**
- You will receive your scores in a report during the spring semester.
If you are interested in seeing the type(s) of task you will have to complete, click the following:

www.cae.org/content/pro_collegiate_sample_measures.htm

Thanks for your time and if you have any questions, please talk with your professor or with me.

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