

Critical Thinking GEA101  
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### Homework 1

Answer all of the following five questions. Each question is worth 1 point on your final grade (1% of the final grade).

For each of the **3** following questions, find the original source where the quotation offered as evidence occurs. Does the quotation, when considered in the surrounding context, support the claim or not? If you answer that it does not, indicate which part or parts of the quote have been omitted that are relevant.

If you find answering the question difficult, say why. I may give you points for the wrong answer, if you explain clearly enough why it seemed like the right one!

Note: you don't have to say whether the claim is true or false. You just need to tell me whether the quote given as evidence is taken out of context or not.

#### Problem #1

Claim: Thomas Paine was a religious Christian who believed in a personal God and Jesus as his savior.

Evidence: "I believe in one God, and no more; and I hope for happiness beyond this life."

Thomas Paine

Problem #2

Claim: Max Planck was a religious Christian who believed in a personal God and Jesus as his savior.

Evidence: “Every serious and reflective person realizes, I think, that the religious element in his nature must be recognized and cultivated if all the powers of the human soul are to act together in perfect balance and harmony.”

Problem #3

Claim: Albert Einstein was a religious Christian who believed in a personal God and Jesus as his savior.

Evidence: “No one can read the Gospels without feeling the actual presence of Jesus. His personality pulsates in every word.” Albert Einstein

Problem #4

Copy down the url (web address) of an online news article that contains a truncated chart (refer to the powerpoint slides if you forgot what that is). The article should be published in the last 6 months. It can be a Chinese-language news article, but please translate for me all the text on the chart if it's not in English. Think about whether the chart is misleading or not (you don't have to tell me what you think).

Problem #5

Is AIDS a problem in Russia? How does the rate of HIV/AIDS cases there compare with other nations in Europe, Africa, Asia, and South America?