

***Probe My Mind***  
 ThinkSheet for Expand Critical Perspective

**Questions for Introspective Critical Reading**

**1. The critical thinking questions focused on me:**

- a. Have I figured out what the author means?
  - How does all the evidence I've collected fit together?
  - What do I already know and what is new for me?
- b. Where am I coming from regarding the ideas in this text?
  - What challenges the views and perceptions I had before reading this text?
  - What reinforces my views?
  - With what do I agree, disagree, believe, and not believe in this text? Why?
  - In what way does my view differ from the author's? Is my view better? Why or why not?
  - What do I know, understand, and believe that the author does not?
  - Rephrase some of the questions on the *Probe the Author's Mind* ThinkSheet to ask of myself, such as Question 2b, "What are my attitudes, emotions, feelings about the material in the text?"
- c. Shall I believe this text?
  - How trusting am I of this information? What influences me to believe this text? Does it make sense to believe this?
  - Have I been too accepting or too dismissive of the author's premises? What additional schema or changed mindset do I need to evaluate this text fairly?

**2. Let me "read" me reading the text<sup>1</sup>:**

- a. How am I reacting to this text? Why do I respond as I do? What do my reactions say about me?
- b. What aspects of my life does it illuminate? How am I changing because of this text? How is it affecting my beliefs and values?
- c. Could my understanding be enhanced by integrating some perspectives or parts of them into my view? To what degree shall I change my interpretation and perspective? How? Why?
- d. How do I want to live my life differently because of this text?

<sup>1</sup> Edmundson, 2004.

Record *Probe My Mind* on the AFTER line of your reading log. In the right-hand column of your reading log, reflect how using this strategy played a role in the meaning you constructed from this text.