Critical Thinking Assignment #2

Your assignment is to write a 2-3-page paper (double-spaced, 1” margins, 12 pt. font) in which you apply a critical thinking approach to examining an experience that you have had this semester. Following is a list of possible experiences from which to choose:

- Roommate conflict
- Planning an activity for a student organization
- Leading a meeting for a student organization
- Conflict within a student organization
- Evaluating a job offer
- Attending a diversity event sponsored by a student organization
- Utilizing campus resources to decide on a major
- Participation in a community service activity
- Participation in the Greek recruitment process
- Working at your part time job
- Deciding about involvement with faith activities
- Deciding about involvement with the use of substances
- Deciding about involvement with sexual activity
- Deciding about involvement with political activities
- Involvement with a team (collegiate, club, intramurals)
- Involvement with a performance ensemble

It is recommended that you use your community service project or the lecture on privilege presented by the Tilford Student Group as the basis for your paper, but if you prefer you may write about one of the other topics. If you write about community service, this paper can substitute for the reflection paper in that assignment. If you write about the Tilford Student Group presentation, this paper can substitute for the lecture reflection for that week.

You should apply the following criteria of a critical thinking approach as you write your paper:

- Summarize the problem, question, or issue
- Consider context and assumptions
- Communicate your own perspective, hypothesis, or position
- Analyze supporting data and evidence
- Use other perspectives and positions
- Assess conclusions, implications, and consequences

The attached rubric describes these aspects of the paper and indicates level of accomplishment, from 1 = “emerging” to 6 = “mastering.” This is the rubric that your instructor may use to evaluate your writing.

Please write your WID number and your EDCEP 111 recitation class number on your paper. Turn in both a hard copy of your paper and an e-mail copy to your recitation instructor.