Critical thinking is considering a question from all sides and not letting personal bias ruin the decision-making process. In other words, it requires objectivity and well-rounded thinking. In the Technology, Innovation, Entrepreneurship(TIE) class in my school, my group and I used critical thinking to develop a website called TuVie. As modern society quickens its pace, free time is very limited – even more so, as I’m a boarding school student. Many people choose to watch movies as a way to relax, but they have a hard time looking for movies they like or haven’t seen before. So upon reflecting on this particular need and based on considering our team’s abilities, my group and I developed a website called TuVie . TuVie is an integrated site where people can find the movie that is their best fit. We collect information from big movie websites like Netflix, YouTube, Hulu and Amazon Prime, and we recommend different way to access the same movie based on different customer interests. We also recommend movies that customers may like based on what they describe that they like. This could help people to use their free time effectively and gain the best entertainment. In this hectic time, people don’t have to waste their free time searching for movies; instead, we streamline the movie hunt, so you can simply save time to watch more movies, on or off the track, or for other forms of entertainment.

For today’s corporate organizations, there are some issues that are emerging. Overlaps between what are supposedly different positions, division of limited resources, and not enough communication between different departments are all problems getting in the way of a company. With the help of technology, communication could be more effective and easier. For example, Dingtalk, which is designed by Alibaba, is a professional platform for communication and collaboration within a company. Users could send and receive documents faster and easier. It could also help people to organize their contacts. On the other hand, technology could also create problems for people. It requires training, which could be problematic for members in a company who are slower to pick up on new technology. Sending and receiving documents through the internet are putting important documents at risk. What’s more, the high cost of technology could also be problematic sometimes for companies, especially newly-founded companies.

As a public school student from Beijing, I challenged the normof receiving education by making the decision to study abroad. Being born and raised in Beijing, I was taught that family comes first, and it is really important to stay close to your family, especially when it comes to traditional festivals like Spring Festival. However, being abroad in the states not only means I will be a place far from home but also that I couldn’t be home for the important holidays, including Spring Festival. I made this ten-year commitment knowing that it would be in contrast to what I was expected to do both as a student and as a family member. I made this decision after the fourth year I spent in New Jersey. I enjoyed the way of receiving education more in the states, because it is more flexible and focuses more on individuals. What’s more, I realized that what most people are doing may not be the best fit for everyone, so it is important to find the best choice for yourself. That’s what critical thinking means to me.

By attending the Berkeley Business Academy for Youth high school, I would like to enhance my leadership skills by showing others more about my culture, conduct more feasible plans for a problem, and communicate better . I believe with teamwork and my positive attitude, I will be able to oversee the vision for a team better and come up with more well-rounded solutions for challenges, as well. I know it’s important to be a good communicator in a team environment and that everyone geta chance to speak out while balancing the need to keep the team on the same page with a same idea.

Comments:

The essay needs to make connections throughout to the initial idea, the first definition. If you define critical thinking as using many ways of solving a problem, then you need to choose an example where you demonstrate this quality. Your example of using “different way to access the same movie” doesn’t really show this quality. Did you use “trial and error” before you arrived at the final solution? It would be better if you can write something that shows how you use many ways to solve the problem.

The third paragraph is the strongest, even though it is a little scattered. It doesn’t seem to connect to the main idea. You need to turn the negative into a positive. Like the idea that you want to share your culture in a new place.

I tried to connect the fourth paragraph together more around the central idea of “communication”. There are a lot of ideas crammed together. Even though they are good ideas, they need to connect.