Applying the Five Critical Thinking Steps

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| 1. **Find the premises and conclusions.** List these: |
| 2**. Check for clarity.** Do you understand the argument? Do you see slanted or emotional wording that assumes the conclusion? List examples: |
| 3. **Check the logic.** Are there jumped steps, irrelevant conclusions, or logical fallacies? List examples: |
| 4. **Check the facts**. Are they accurate? Are the premises true? Have obvious facts been left out? List examples of inaccuracies or counter-arguments that have been left out: |
| 5. **One final check (is this a good argument?):** If the argument is clear, omits no significant information, has good logic and true premises, then it is a good argument. Reasonable people should accept its conclusion. Is this a good argument? |