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**Circles of Truth**

**Take Stock Of What You Know**
What different sides do you know about? What evidence & arguments do you know about – for any side of the issue?

**Evaluate the Evidence and Arguments**
How reliable, balanced and complete are the evidence & arguments?

**Pin Down the Issue or Claim**
Exactly what is the question?

**Summarize Your Position**
Where do you stand – true, not true, uncertain? Should you seek more information?

**Investigate the Issue**
What can you do to find out more information – look in a book, ask an expert, look for clues, conduct a test?

Watch out for having a strong opinion without evidence. It’s often better to remain open, and wait for more evidence.

Watch out for looking for information only on “your” side. Make sure to look for reasons on the other sides.

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