

## IDENTIFYING TYPES of REASONING

**Instructions:** For each of the statements below indicate the predominant type of reasoning being used.

a. On the line in front of each statement, write “CE” for cause & effect reasoning, “G” for generalization reasoning and “C” for comparison reasoning.

b. Underline the key word(s)

c. ID Elements: For CE, ID causes & effects; For G, ID whole; For C, ID things being compared

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\_\_\_\_\_ (1) All generalizations are flawed.

\_\_\_\_\_ (2) America’s war in Iraq increasingly looks like a quagmire a la Vietnam.

\_\_\_\_\_ (3) As for the Bushes: like father, like son.

\_\_\_\_\_ (4) As shown by the 2000 Presidential election results, a majority of Americans did not want George W. Bush to become President.

\_\_\_\_\_ (5) Communism is clearly a dead end as none of the world’s communist countries have been able to match the standard of living available in liberal democratic capitalist countries.

\_\_\_\_\_ (6) Democracy, i.e. political power residing in the hands of the people, yields a reluctance to go to war.

\_\_\_\_\_ (7) Despite the heroic actions of Army Rangers and Delta Force Operators, the Battle of Mogadishu was a disaster for the United States and America was forced to withdraw its forces from Somalia.

\_\_\_\_\_ (8) During the Cuban Missile Crisis, President Kennedy was careful not to repeat the mistakes of the Bay of Pigs.

\_\_\_\_\_ (9) European Crusaders in the Holy Land met very different adversaries than what they were used to back in Europe.

\_\_\_\_\_ (10) Farmers prefer conservative policies.

\_\_\_\_\_ (11) Few economists predict a return of the boom economy of the 1990s anytime soon.

\_\_\_\_\_ (12) Four out of five dentists agree, Colgate© is the best choice for good oral hygiene.

\_\_\_\_\_ (13) George W. Bush’s victory in the 2004 Presidential election was due in large part to his opponent’s lack of charisma.

\_\_\_\_\_ (14) Grant’s ability to grasp the realities of modern war while Lee stubbornly clung to traditional methods of warfare, albeit with great skill, ultimately makes Grant the greatest general of the American Civil War.

\_\_\_\_\_ (15) Hector’s sense of responsibility to family and duty to country stands in sharp contrast to Achilles’ selfish pursuit of personal glory.

\_\_\_\_\_ (16) Hitler should have known better than to invade Russia as Napoleon had failed at the same endeavor just over a hundred years earlier.

\_\_\_\_\_ (17) I missed the bus so I was late for school.

- \_\_\_\_\_ (18) Judaism, Christianity and Islam are alike in that believe in one all powerful god and that all people are equal in the eyes of that god but they differ in what the proper relationship to that god is.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (19) Many people initially believed that the Oklahoma City bombing was the work of Muslim extremists.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (20) Mr. Sunderland is stupid.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (21) On the plains of Zama, Hannibal finally met a worthy foe in Scipio.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (22) People can be divided into two groups: those that divided people into two groups and those that don't.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (23) Reasonable scientists agree that humans evolved from other forms of life and were not created as is.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (24) Refusal to change cultural values combined with a changing climate resulted in the Greenland Norse society collapsing.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (25) Starting two horrific world wars in the span of 25 years shows that the Germans are a warlike people.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (26) Substituting a team entry for individual introductions shows that Patriots players are unselfish.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (27) Superior technology combined with the ingenuity and creativity of the American soldier has made the American military the most powerful in the world.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (28) The 1986 Celtics are the greatest NBA team of all time.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (29) The development of agriculture brought about a new era in human history: the era of civilization.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (30) The four earliest centers of civilization share the same characteristic of being located along major rivers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (31) The Great Depression was worse than any other economic downturn in history.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (32) The OC is way cooler than Dawson's Creek.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (33) The PATRIOT Act has led to dangerous infringements of civil rights while making little progress in making America safer.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (34) The primary reason for the collapse of the Easter Island civilization was deforestation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (35) The Spartans sunk virtually of their resources into forming an invincible army whereas the Athenians chose commerce as their source of power.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (36) The widespread use of internal combustion engines, especially in automobiles, is a major cause of global warming.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (37) The Yankees have won so many world championships because they have so much money with which to scoop up the best free agents.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (38) Though they may not all be, most Yankees fans are jerks.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (39) Tropical Africa poses very different challenges to civilization than does the Mediterranean or southern Africa.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (40) The examples on this worksheet helped me understand reasoning better than the lecture.