

Five types of Reasoning

NARRATION – Is it realistic? **Metaphysics**

1. Give sensory details (description)
2. Connect to meanings (symbolism)
3. Tell a person's experience (narration)

CLASSIFICATION – Is it symmetrical? **Aesthetics**

1. Connect similar examples (comparison)
2. Separate different examples (contrast)
3. Organize the examples (classification)

ANALYSIS – Is it rational? **Logic**

1. Say what it is specifically (definition)
2. Separate out its aspects (division)
3. Explain their relationships (analysis)

EVALUATION – Is it right? **Ethics**

1. Perceive as a whole (conceptualization)
2. Identify criteria (characterization)
3. Make a judgment (evaluation)

ARGUMENT – Is it truthful? **Epistemology**

1. Indicate dependencies (cause/effect)
2. Describe steps in a process (procedure)
3. Add claims and evidence (argument)

