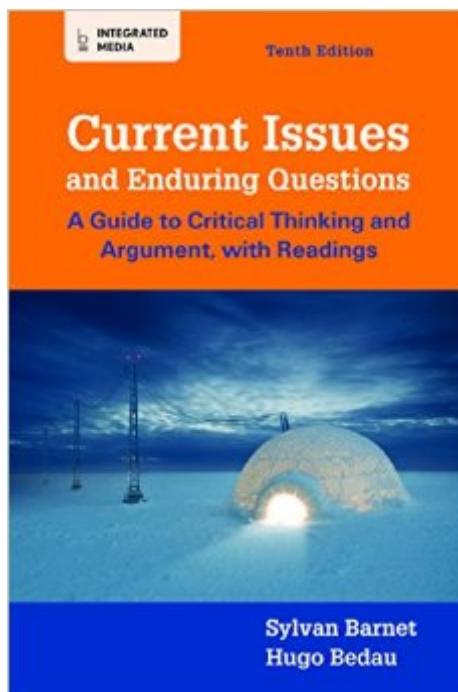


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For those familiar with the earlier editions of this book this edition is updated to have a few more modern issues lending a bit more credence to the word "current" in the title. However, as much as I have enjoyed this book throughout the years I am still not fully convinced it is really current enough. I would prefer to have more content related to computing/cyber issues/technology in general, global warming, robotics, war in the 21st century, genetic modification/manipulation, cloning, and more "on the horizon" issues that humanity will sooner or later be facing. This book always seems to be a few steps behind the more modern challenges that we face as humans. However, in reviewing what actually is in the book it is an excellent piece of work. Anyone looking to become a more critical thinker in general will benefit greatly by buying this book.

This had been a mandatory book, but even the professor thought that some of the examples weren't good, especially some of the example student essays. The teaching style of the very dense book didn't seem interested in actually teaching its students to think critically but more in memorizing terms and concepts. I understand the subject, but this was a poor source to teach from. Usually I like to keep my text books; this one, I was glad to send back.

This text book has amazing stories and prompts in it. The authors who put this together knew what they were doing and the lesson you can take from the readings are great. I used this for my English 102 class but wish I had it sooner. It will help in any paper you need to write.

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