

THINKING CRITICALLY

[audio on youtube available [HERE](#)]

Although there is no "correct" answer, please be sure to support your answer with evidence from the text.

(Around 50-100 words per question – submit to Google Classroom)

Wallace begins his speech by telling the audience a riddle about two young fish who do not realize that they live in water. He ends the speech by telling the audience that they must remind themselves every day, “This is water. This is water.” (This rhetorical technique is called “framing”). Avoid using first person pronouns (“I”) and second person pronouns (“you”). Push yourself to improve your academic writing, specifically using rhetorically accurate verbs.

1. Articulate what you believe are the main points, or claims, that Wallace tries to convey to the graduates. Do you agree or disagree with what Wallace says? Explain.
2. Wallace uses water metaphorically. What idea does the water metaphor convey? What does Wallace mean by water? Explain.
3. Wallace uses the term “default setting” throughout the speech. What does he mean by this term? Why does he say that we need to “adjust” our default settings?