Look up the definitions listed below. Several of them can be found at <http://www.criticalthinking.org/pages/glossary-of-critical-thinking-terms/496>, but you will have to look further to find many of these.

As you find the definitions, copy them for your notes, but also think about how closely they define the way you or others you may know reflect these traits. Chances are, you will identify with several of these traits, and not identify with other traits. This is natural, but identifying these will help you become the type of thinker you want to become:

**Characteristics of Fair-Minded Thinkers**:

1. Intellectual autonomy
2. Intellectual courage
3. Intellectual empathy
4. Intellectual humility
5. Intellectual integrity
6. Intellectual perseverance
7. Intellectual sense of justice
8. Intellectual confidence in reason

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As you better understand each of these characteristics fill in the table with descriptive words:

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| Humility | Being aware of our own faults |
| Courage | Facing challenges head on: |
| Empathy | Understanding other people’s viewpoint |
| Integrity | Holding yourself to the same standards you hold others |
| Perseverance | Working through challenges despite obstacles |
| Confidence in reason | Respecting the evidence and other’s viewpoints |
| Autonomy | Value independence in other people’s thinking |
| Sense of justice | Fairness |