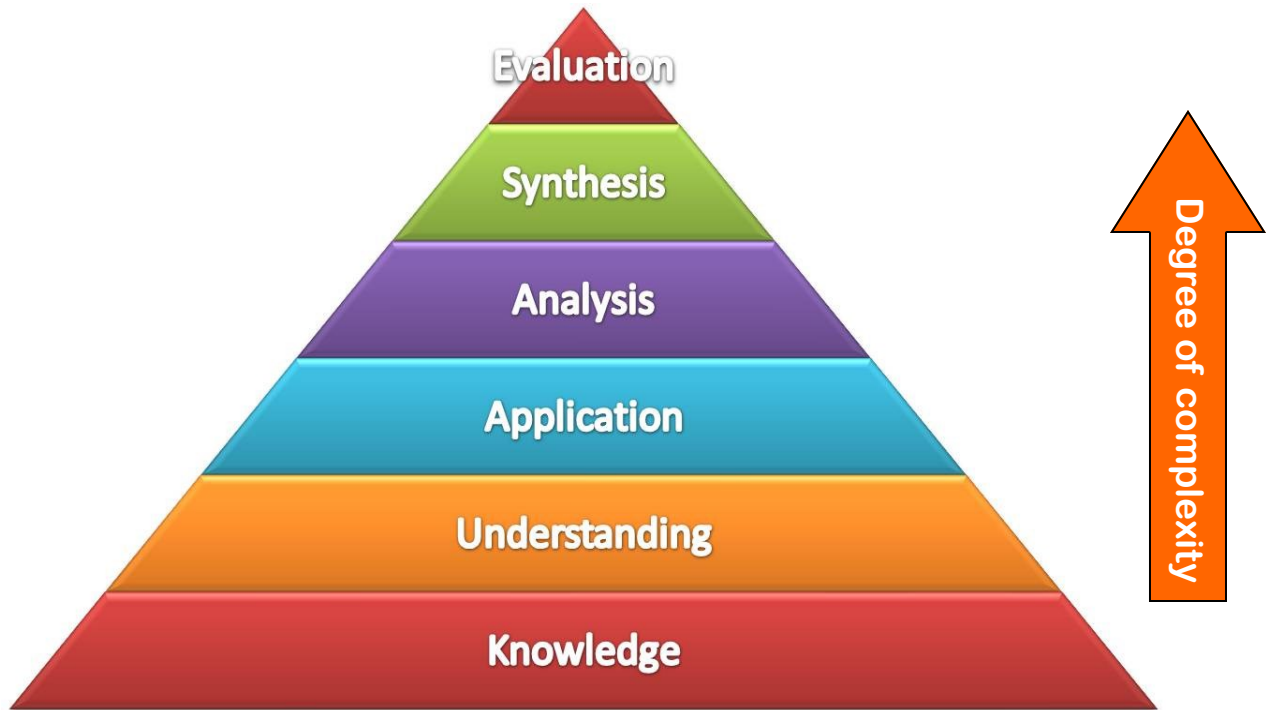


# Critical Thinking

Bloom's Taxonomy (1956)



**Knowledge** — remembering previously learned material; recalling facts, concepts, or information

**Comprehension** — demonstrating an understanding of the meaning of facts and ideas

**Application** — solving problems by applying acquired knowledge, facts, techniques, and rules in new situations

**Analysis** — breaking down concepts and analyzing the organization of parts and the relationship of parts to each other

**Synthesis** — combining elements or applying previous information or skills to create a new and/or unique whole

**Evaluation** — making judgments about the value of ideas or materials

**Note that many professors are looking for your ability to go beyond knowing and comprehending and will often test you on your ability to apply, analyze, synthesize and evaluate!**