

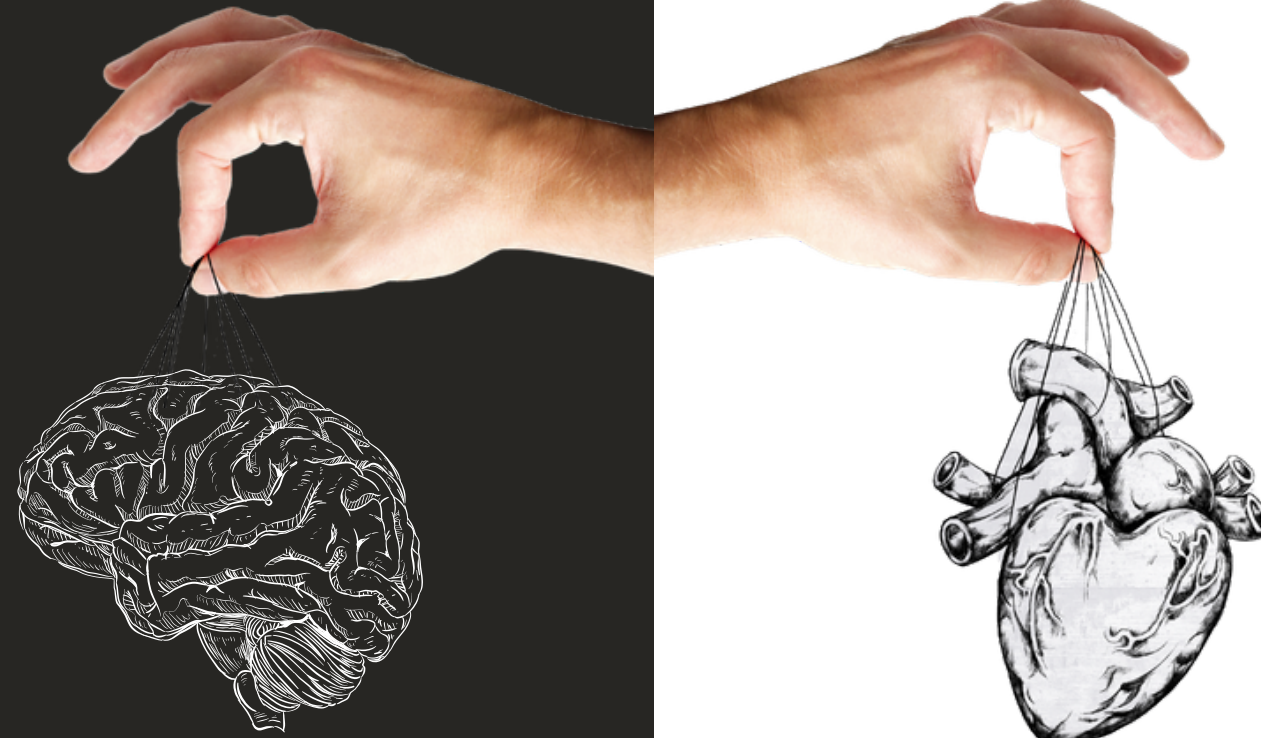
**THE
POWER**

**OF
OBSERVATION**



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Critical Thinking



Critical thinking is the ability to analyze facts, evaluate arguments, and make logical, reasoned decisions.

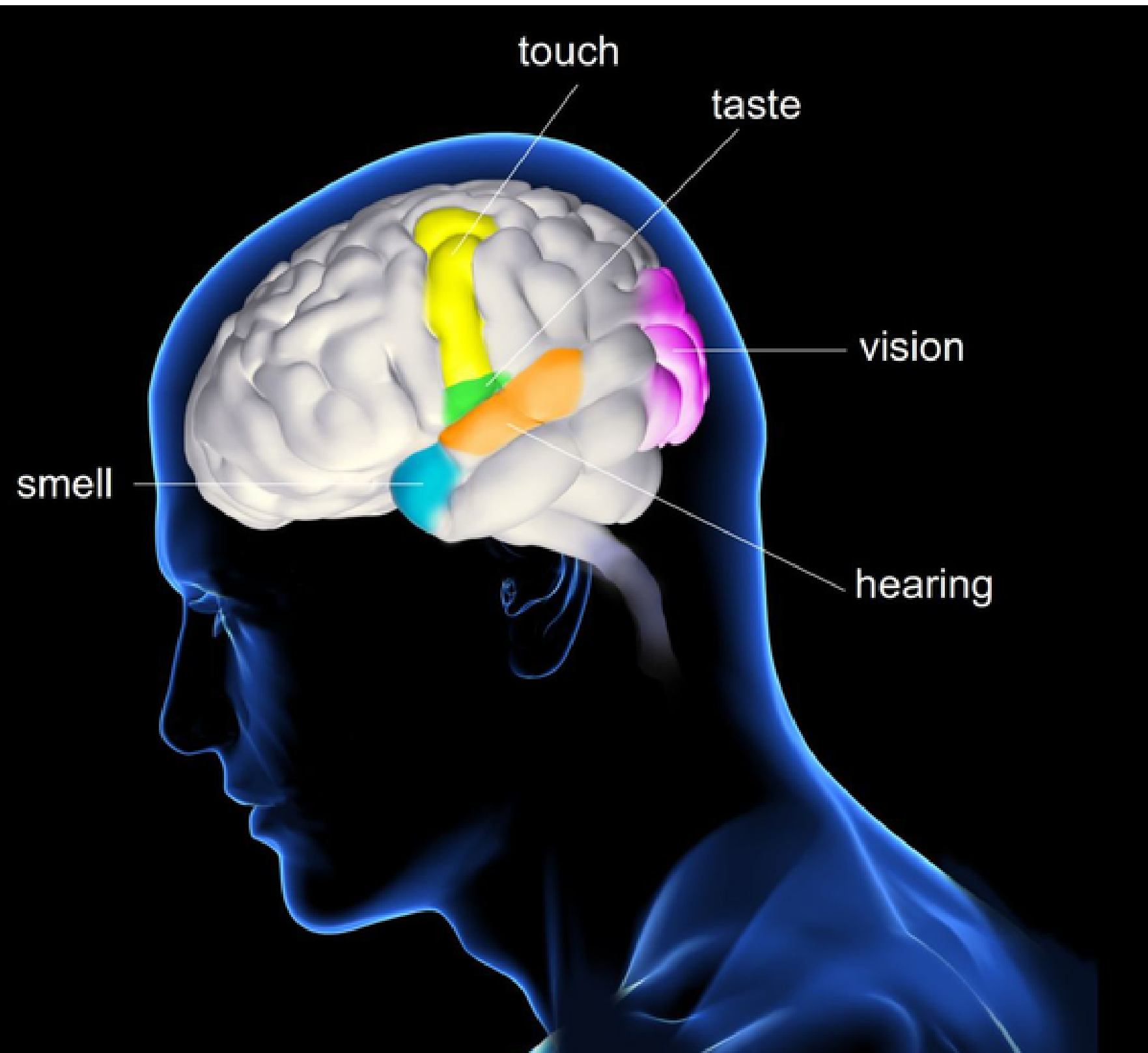
Emotional Thinking



Emotional thinking is making decisions or forming opinions based mainly on feelings, instincts, or personal bias—sometimes without all the facts.

Power of Observation:

What is observation?



- Observation is one of the most basic data collection methods. It involves 'seeing' things, and recording and analysing what is seen.
- In order to make sense of what we perceive, our brains often enrich with detail of what we see, taste, hear, smell, or feel.

Example #1

Elle Woods (Legally Blonde) and Power of Observation!

Elle demonstrates the power of observation by noticing small details that others overlook. She recognises patterns, identifies inconsistencies between what people say and what she observes, and uses those details to draw logical conclusions. Her attention to detail and ability to make **inferences** become valuable skills in a legal setting.



www.youtube.com/watch?v=GSu7BGbyJqc

Example #2

Eye Witness Accounts

Eyewitness accounts can be valuable, but they are not always reliable. Memory is influenced by stress, attention, assumptions, and the passage of time. Two people can observe the same event and remember different details, which is why investigators must compare evidence and consider multiple perspectives.

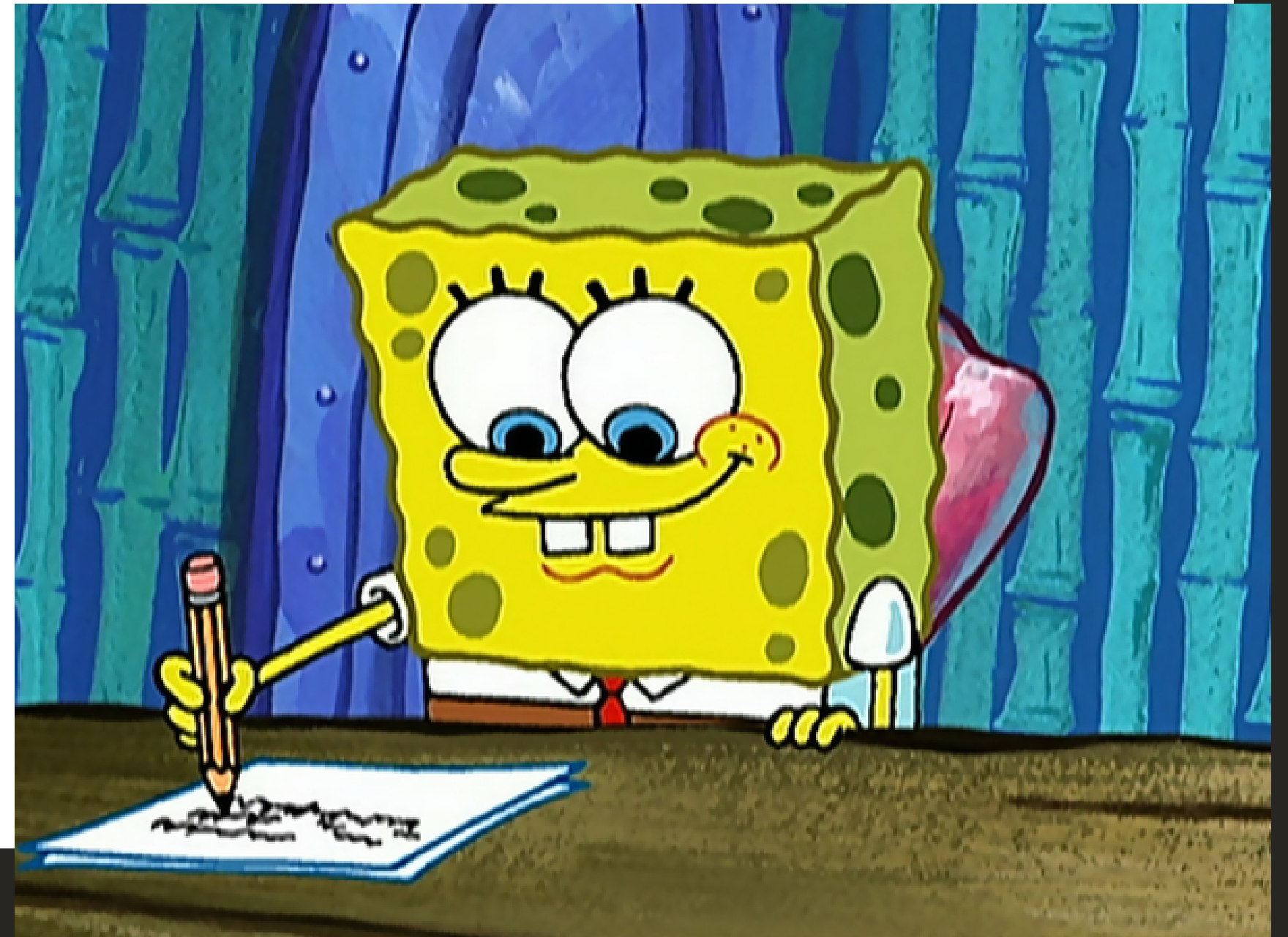


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZiT9cjGi0lo>

Good Observation

- Collect first, interpret later
- Don't jump to conclusions
- Scan the whole scene slowly
- Look at one area at a time
- Notice all details (big and small)
- Stay objective (no emotions or opinions)
- Don't assume
- Avoid bias
- Document everything!
- Take notes and photos

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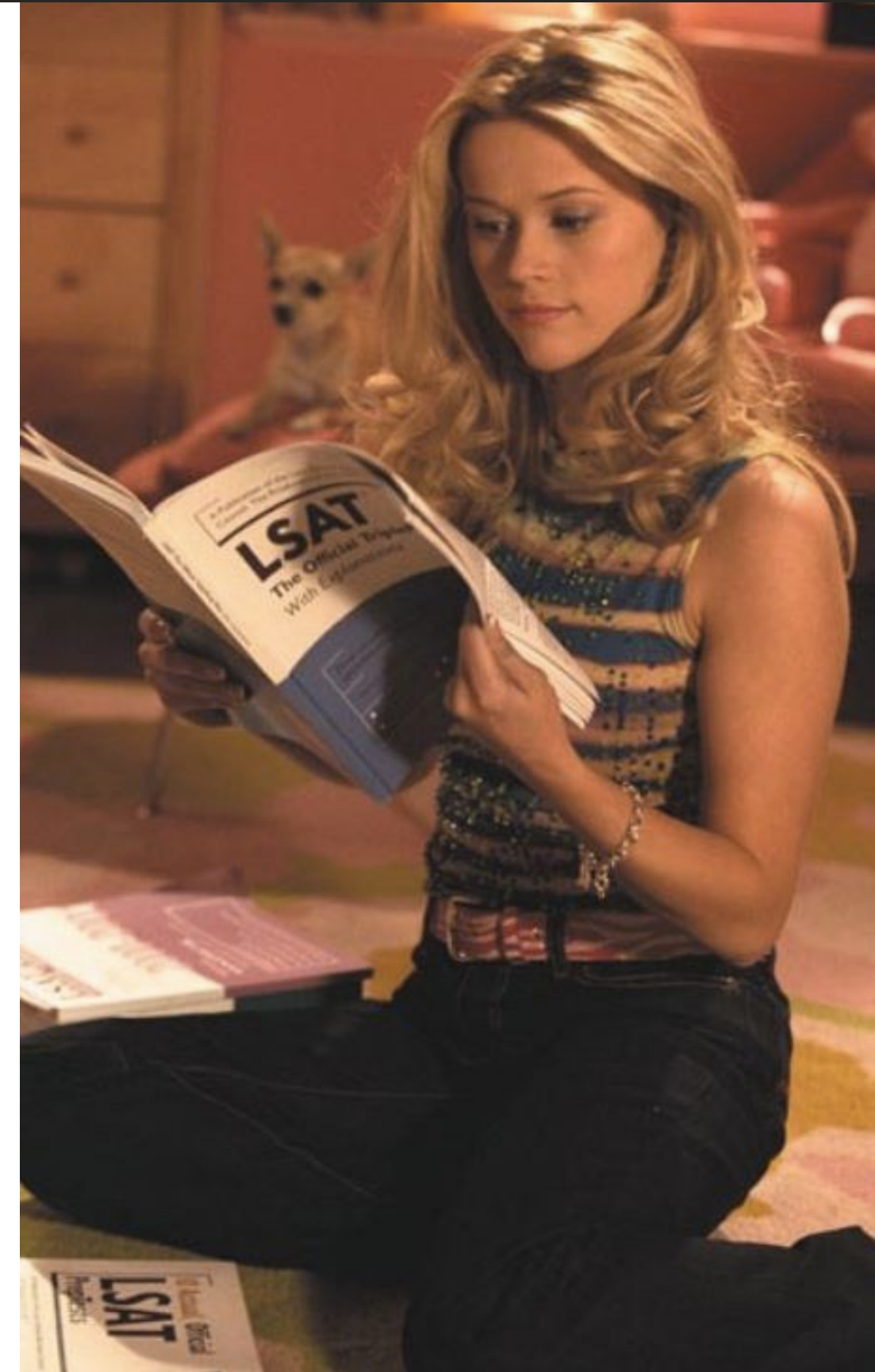
Activity!

Put your Elle Woods brain on

Lawyers, historians, and investigators rely on careful observation to gather evidence and understand the world around them. We often see things every day without truly observing them.

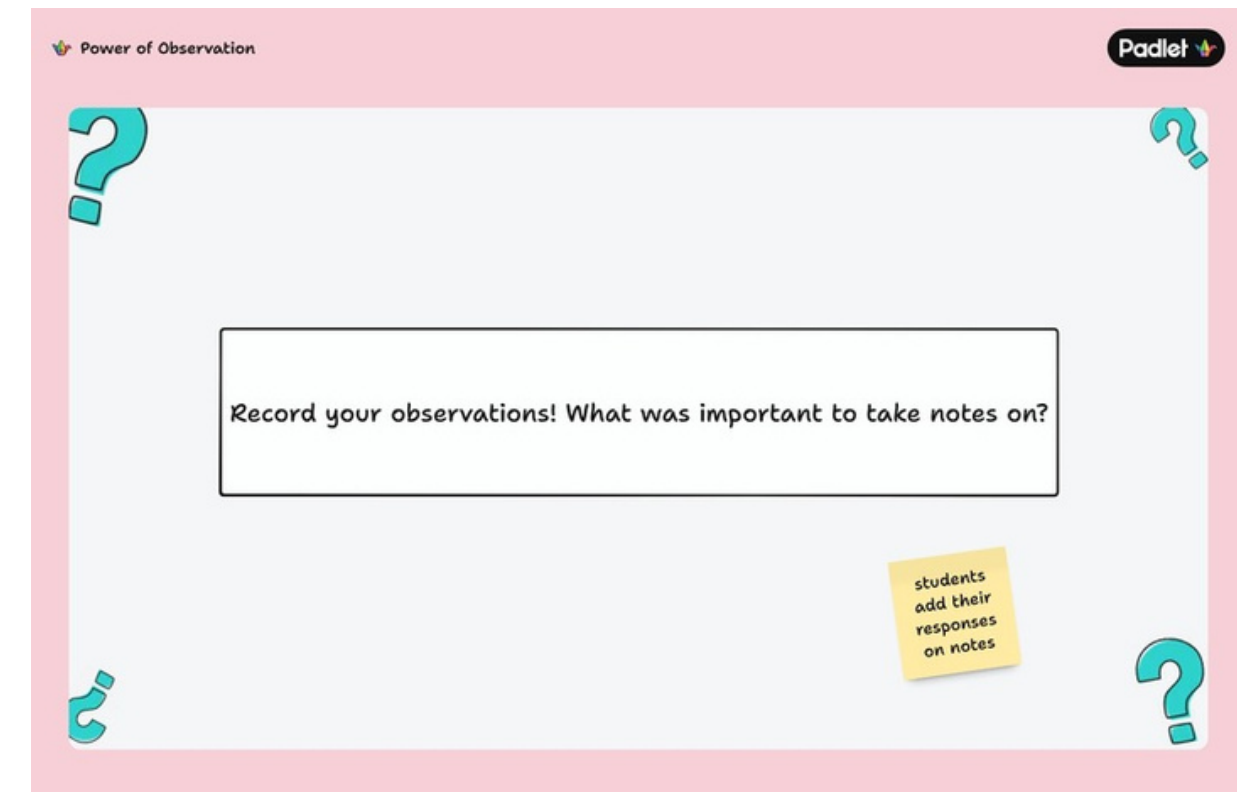
Working with a partner, spend 20 minutes exploring the classroom, hallway, and school campus. You may record notes, or simply spend time looking carefully at your surroundings. Pay attention to the details others might overlook.

What information could these details tell you?
When you return to the classroom, we will quiz you on questions from memory.



Lets test your observation skills!

1. What colour is the outside of the school?
2. What is the poster outside of Ms.Reece's door?
3. What is our classroom/room number?
4. How many staircases are there from the first to second floor of the school?
5. How many chairs are in Ms. Reece's classroom?
6. How many water fountains/filling stations do we have?
7. What school symbol, logo, or visual representation of school identity did you notice?
8. How many entrances/exits do we have?
9. What is the oldest grad class photo on the wall of our school?
10. What was one detail you noticed that you had never paid attention to before?



Record observation notes on Padlet