

# Thinking Like a Lawyer: Tools for Engaging Critical Thinking Instruction



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## The Chair: Applying Legal Rules from Multiple Perspectives

Remember: Brian's aunt is the **plaintiff** and Brian is the **defendant**

ELEMENT OF BATTERY	EVIDENCE SUPPORTING ELEMENT (PLAINTIFF)	EVIDENCE SUPPORTING ELEMENT (DEFENDANT)	WHICH EVIDENCE IS STRONGER?
Brian's act was intentional.			
Brian's act involved contact with another person			
Brian's act was harmful or offensive			
Brian's act caused damages			

## In the Neighborhood: Settlement and Negotiation Strategy

*thinkNegotiaton*

### 1. Interest

- a. Why are the neighbors suing the dog owners? State the most obvious reason.
  
- b. Why are the dog owners letting their dogs bark so loudly? State the most obvious reason.
  
- c. What is it that the neighbors really want?
  
- d. What is it that the dog owners really want?

### **Poem**

I loved my friend.  
He went away from me.  
There's nothing more to say.  
The poem ends.  
Soft as it began-  
I loved my friend  
*Langston Hughes*

Is this a happy or sad poem?

Happy	Sad