

INFERENCES

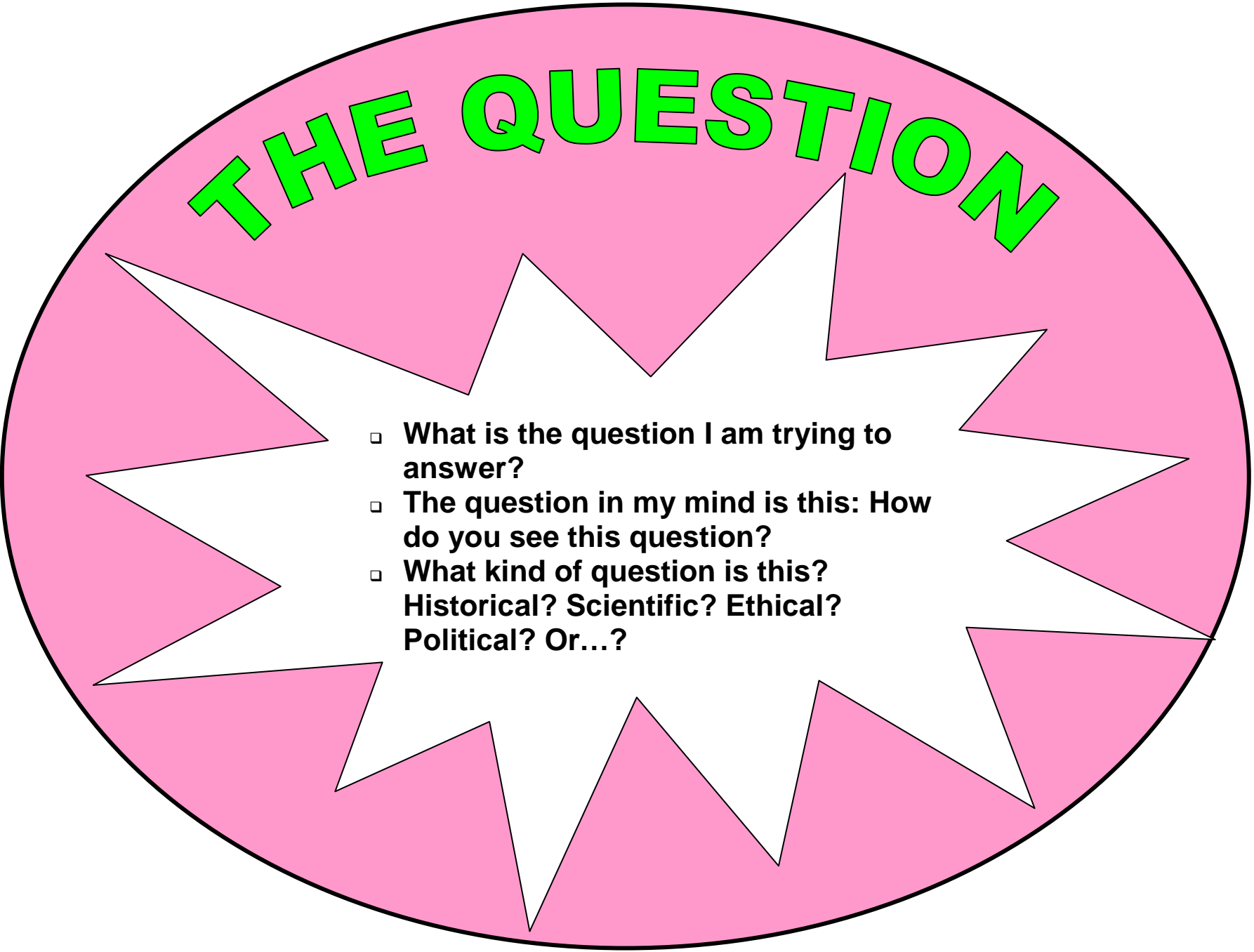
- ❑ What conclusion am I coming to?
- ❑ What am I basing my reasoning on?
- ❑ Is there an alternative plausible conclusion?

POINT OF VIEW



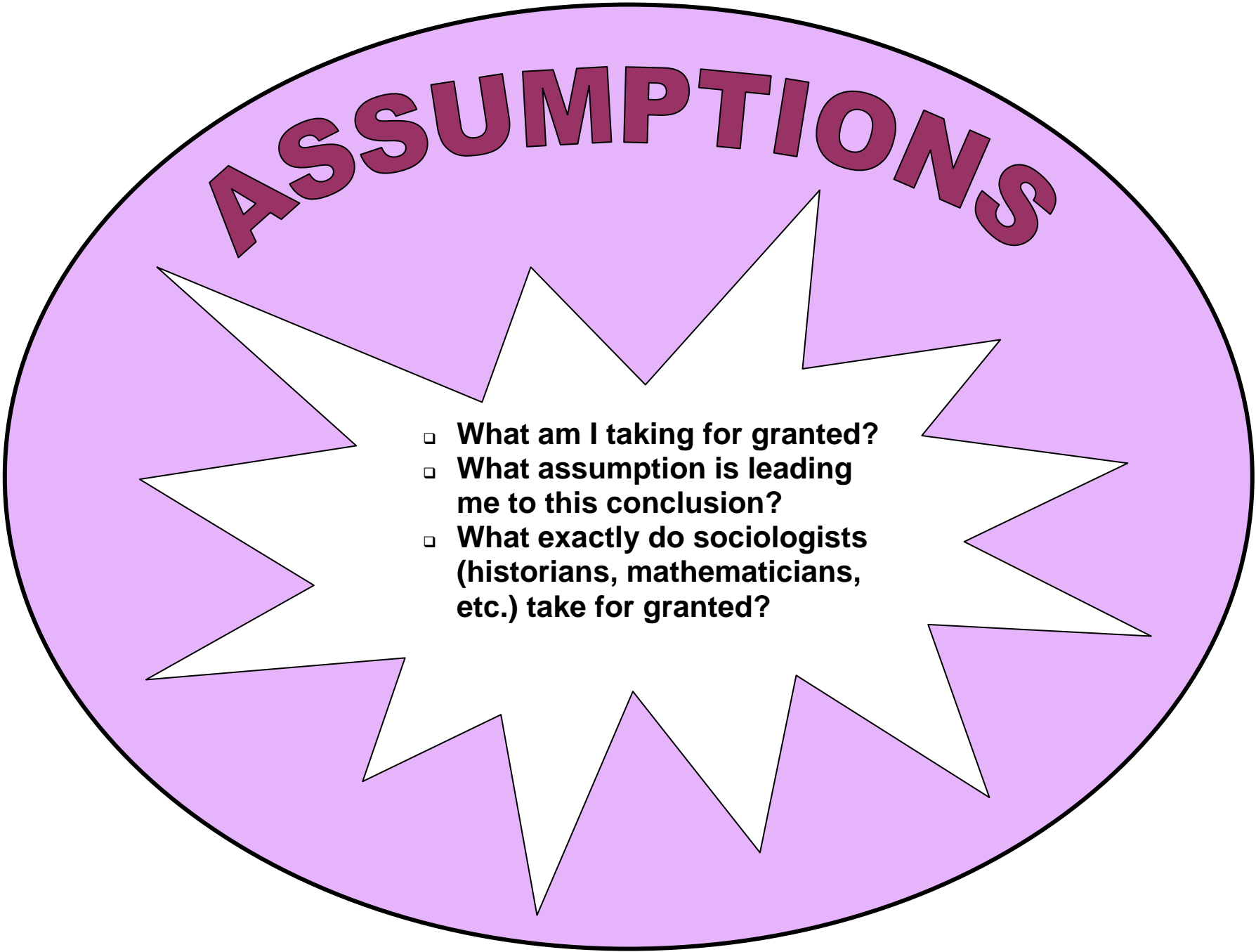
- ❑ What exactly am I focused on? And how am I seeing it?
- ❑ Is my view the only reasonable view? What does my view ignore?
- ❑ What is the point of view of the author in this story?

THE QUESTION



- ❑ What is the question I am trying to answer?
- ❑ The question in my mind is this: How do you see this question?
- ❑ What kind of question is this? Historical? Scientific? Ethical? Political? Or...?

ASSUMPTIONS



- ❑ What am I taking for granted?
- ❑ What assumption is leading me to this conclusion?
- ❑ What exactly do sociologists (historians, mathematicians, etc.) take for granted?

PURPOSE



- ❑ What is the author/artist/speaker's purpose?
- ❑ Is the purpose clearly related?
- ❑ Is the purpose significant and realistic?

IMPLICATIONS



- ❑ If I decide to do “x,” what things might happen?
- ❑ If I decide not to do “x,” what things might happen?
- ❑ How significant are the implications of this decision?

INFORMATION



- ❑ What information do I need to answer this question?
- ❑ How do I know my data are accurate?
- ❑ Have I left out any important information that I need to consider?

CONCEPTS



- ❑ What idea am I using in my thinking? Is this idea causing problems for me or others?
- ❑ What main distinctions should I draw in reasoning through this problem?
- ❑ What idea is this author using in his or her thinking? Is there a problem with it?