Trust but Verify (E – Evaluate)

Critical thinking note-taker for evaluating information

**📝 Topic or Claim to Evaluate:**

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| *Enter the information, claim, or topic you want to critically evaluate...* |
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|  **🤔 Does this sound right? Why/why not?** |
| *Consider your initial reaction... What feels right or wrong about this? What assumptions might you be making? Does it align with what you already know?* |
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|  **🔍 How can I check this?** |
| *What sources could you consult? What experts might know? What data or studies would be relevant? How could you verify the facts independently?* |
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| **🔗 Links to verify or challenge the claims** |
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|  **✅ What evidence would convince me?** |
| *What specific type of evidence would change your mind? What would make you more or less confident? What quality and quantity of proof would you need?* |
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| **🔗 Links to any evidence you can find** |
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|  **🔄 Possible counterexamples or competing explanations** |
| *What alternative explanations exist? What evidence might contradict this? Who might disagree and why? What are the limitations or exceptions?* |
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