CULTIVATING CLARITY (II) Emotional Resilience Worksheet pause



Set aside a few quiet minutes at the end of your day to explore a moment when you felt emotionally "hooked." This worksheet helps you strengthen self-awareness, gently investigate your reactive patterns, and begin to shift how you relate to moments of difficulty. By bringing curiosity and a growth mindset to these reflections, you build the inner flexibility to respond more wisely—and with greater compassion—when challenges arise.



DESCRIPTION OF THE EXPERIENCE First, identify a moment when you felt "hooked" during the day.

What was the situation/trigger?

What emotion(s) did you feel?

What physical sensations were activated?

What automatic thoughts arose?

YOUR REACTION

What automatic reactions or behaviors kicked in?

LEVEL OF SELF-AWARENESS What was your level of self-awareness during the event?

LEVEL 1 - UNAWARE Not aware of survival brain reactivity

LEVEL 2 - DELAYED Aware after being triggered, hooked, and reacting unconsciously

LEVEL 3 - PERCEPTIVE Aware during the trigger, but unable to consciously respond

LEVEL 4 - RESPONSIVE Aware and able to consciously respond after a short pause

LEVEL 5 - ADAPTIVE Aware and able to shift effectively from survival brain reactivity to wise brain responsiveness in the midst of the difficulty

4 INSIGHTS Zoom out and reflect on the situation.

Was your reaction productive or counterproductive?

How might you have responded differently?