The Six Thinking Hats

	HAT	PERSPECTIVE
FACTUAL	White Hat:	Motto: "The facts, just the facts." Focus: Facts, objective information, data. Questions to explore: • What information is currently accessible?
		 What does the data tell us? What else do we need? How will we obtain any necessary or lacking information?
OPTIMIST	Yellow Hat:	Motto: "We can make it work." Focus: Benefits, possibilities, improvement, suggestions, advantages.
		 Questions to explore: What are benefits or positive outcomes associated with this decision? What are the advantages of this solution? What's the best strategy for handling this situation? How do we make it work?
JUDGE	Black Hat:	Motto: "Yes, but" Focus: Risks, difficulties, problems, issues, failures, concern, caution. Questions to explore:
		 Does this work? How could this possibly fail? How can we make this financially feasible? What should we be concerned about? Where should we proceed with caution?
EMOTION	Red Hat:	Motto: "My gut tells me" Focus: Feelings, emotions, hunches, intuition.
		 Questions to explore: What does this feel like to me? How are people feeling? What reactions do we need to anticipate? What impression does this give to others?
CREATIVE	Green Hat:	Motto: "What if? Focus: Creativity, alternatives, new ideas, forward thinking.
		 Questions to explore: What ideas haven't been tried before? Can we approach this in another way? How can I uniquely tackle this problem? How can we embrace a different viewpoint?
CONDUCTOR	Blue Hat:	Motto: "What are our next steps?" Focus: Definitions, observations, summaries, conclusions, next steps. Questions to explore: What have we done so far? Where should we go from here? What results do we want? What is the best pathway of action to take?

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