Developing 21st-Century Critical Thinkers

Integrate critical thinking skills within	Open-Minded	Engage in Problem Solving thi		Consistently cultivate higher-order thinking
and across all content areas.	Analyze, Reason, and Evaluate			skills.
	Reflect on Learning	Make Real-World Applications	Think Critically and Creatively	
Establish safe, intellectually risk-free learning environments.		Clea	municate arly and arately	Allow time to develop critical thinking skills.
Provide students with repeated opportunities to practice higher-order thinking.			cor dialog	ote academic nversations or ue that foster tical thinking.

Your Students' Path to Critical Thinking

1. Think deeply to make relevant connections

14. Engage in reflective thinking

- 2. Ask quality and clarification questions
- 3. Use evidence and reasoning to support thinking
- 4. Analyze, reason, and evaluate
- 5. Interpret information beyond surface learning
- 6. Synthesize diverse ideas
- 7. Solve relevant and complex problems
- 8. Make reasoned decisions
- 9. Generate and evaluate options prior to making decisions
- 10. Focus on details to derive meaning
- 11. Apply higher levels of thought to real-world situations
- 12. Think critically on a daily basis
- 13. Use criteria to judge the value of ideas and solutions

- 15. Follow problem-solving steps
- 16. Question the credibility, accuracy, and relevancy of information and sources
- 17. Well-informed
- 18. Willing to consider multiple perspectives
- 19. Seek new and better solutions
- 20. Explore alternatives
- 21. Examine diverse points of view
- 22. Value and respect ideas of others
- 23. Question what is read, heard, or seen
- 24. Assess consequences of actions or ideas
- 25. Think independently and in concert with others

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