Critical thinking: Ability to solve problems, make decisions, think for oneself

Characteristics:
✔ staying informed
✔ asking questions
✔ solving problems by weighing evidence, using a method, theory or tool, brainstorming, prototyping
✔ distinguishing relevant from irrelevant
✔ making decisions by looking for and valuing alternatives
✔ examining prior history and context
✔ seeking the truth about claims and assertions

Critical Thinking is one of the most important portable skills for the 21st Century . . .

Can It Be Taught?

YES! Provided it can be deconstructed and presented as several discrete but interrelated skill sets:

- Systematic Questioning
- Structured Problem Solving
- Risk Assessment & Management
- Progressive Decision-Making
- Thinking Management

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