Applied Critical Thinking*

**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

**Applied Critical thinking:** *The application of critical thinking skills to everyday living*

**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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