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3 great books help you think more clearly about any problem – and transform better thinking into better results – in business, and in life! Three remarkable books help you think more clearly, flexibly, effectively — and transform better thinking into better personal and business performance! Critical Thinking: Tools for Taking Charge of Your Professional and Personal Life offers practical tools for becoming a better thinker in every aspect of your life: in your career, and as a consumer, citizen, friend, parent, and lover. Richard W. Paul and Linda Elder reveal the core skills of effective thinking, helping you analyze your own thought processes, identify weaknesses, and overcome them. The Truth About Making Smart Decisions brings together 50 powerful “truths” about making better decisions: real solutions for the tough challenges faced by every decision-maker, in business and in life. You'll discover how to systematically prepare to make better decisions...how to get the right information, without getting buried in useless data...how to minimize your risks, and then act decisively...how to make better group decisions...profit from mistakes...and a whole lot more. Finally, Now You're Thinking!: Change Your Thinking...Transform Your Life draws on an incredible story of survival in wartime to introduce a model of critical thinking that will help you recognize how your emotions are shaping your actions, evaluate arguments more effectively, and draw conclusions that lead you directly to better life decisions. From world-renowned leaders in the promotion of effective thinking, including Dr. Richard Paul, Dr. Linda Elder, Robert E. Gunther, Judy Chartrand, Stewart Emery, Russ Hall, Heather Ishikawa, and John Maketa

The Power of Critical Thinking Effective Reasoning about Ordinary and Extraordinary Claims Oxford University Press, USA

Problem-based learning is a powerful classroom process, which uses real world problems to motivate students to identify and apply research concepts and information, work collaboratively and communicate effectively. It is a strategy that promotes life-long habits of learning.

The University of Delaware is recognised internationally as a centre of excellence in the use and development of PBL. This book presents the cumulative knowledge and practical experience acquired over nearly a decade of integrating PBL in courses in a wide range of disciplines.

This "how to" book for college and university faculty. It focuses on the practical questions which anyone wishing to embark on PBL will want to know: "Where do I start?"—"How do you find problems?"—"What do I need to know about managing groups?"—"How do you grade in a PBL course?"

The book opens by outlining how the PBL program was developed at the University of Delaware--covering such issues as faculty mentoring and institutional support--to offer a model for implementation for other institutions.

The authors then address the practical questions involved in course transformation and planning for effective problem-based instruction, including writing problems, using the Internet, strategies for using groups, the use of peer tutors and assessment. They conclude with case studies from a variety of disciplines, including biochemistry, pre-law, physics, nursing, chemistry, political science and teacher education

This introduction for faculty, department chairs and faculty developers will assist them to successfully harness this powerful process to improve learning outcomes.

The ARI Workshop, Training Critical Thinking Skills for Battle Command, was held on 5-6 December 2001 at Ft. Leavenworth. The purpose of the Workshop was to: (1) provide an overview of current research in critical thinking and training critical thinking (CT), (2) provide a forum for identifying and discussing issues related to training CT in the Army; and (3) develop recommendations for training and for future directions for research and development in the area of CT training. Participants with a variety of expertise attended - Military officers, instructors in CT and academic researchers in CT. The following papers were presented: Critical Thinking in the 21st Century by MG (Ret.) Lon Maggart; Thinking Critically about Critical Thinking by Diane Halpern; A Framework for Critical Thinking Research and Training by Susan Fischer; A three part theory of Critical Thinking: Dialogue, Mental Models and Reliability by Marvin Cohen; Critical Thinking in Teams by Daniel Serfaty; and A simulation Tool for Critical Thinking Training by Marvin Cohen. The Proceedings includes these papers, with the exception of the Serfaty paper. Workshop participants discussed a variety of issues related to training CT and their recommendations for training and future research are included in the Proceedings. Moody. Reckless. Impractical. Insecure. Distracted. These are all words commonly used to describe adolescents. But what if we recast these traits in a positive light? Teens possess insight, passion, idealism, sensitivity, and creativity in abundance--all qualities that can make a significant positive contribution to society. In this thought-provoking book, Thomas Armstrong looks at the power and promise of the teenage brain from an empathetic, strength-based perspective--and describes what middle and high school educators can do to make the most of their students' potential. Thoroughly grounded in current neuroscience research, the book explains what we know about how the adolescent brain works and proposes eight essential instructional elements that will help students develop the ability to think, make healthy choices, regulate their emotions, handle social conflict, consolidate their identities, and learn enough about the world to move into adulthood with dignity and grace. Armstrong provides practical strategies and real-life examples from schools that illustrate these eight key practices in action. In addition, you'll find a glossary of brain terms, a selection of brain-friendly lesson plans across the content areas, and a list of resources to support and extend the book's ideas and

practices. There is a colossal mismatch between how the adolescent brain has evolved over the millennia and the passive, rote learning experiences that are all too common in today's test-obsessed educational climate. See the amazing difference—in school and beyond—when you use the insights from this book to help students tap into the power of their changing brains.

This volume of the Thinker's Guide Library uncovers current well-intentioned educational trends (such as No Child Left Behind and Common Core) that inefficiently fragment energy and resources in our K-12 education systems. Critiquing the basic idea behind each of these fads illuminates their real motivations and provides for holistic use.

In today's diverse business world, we must know when our perceptions are working for us, and when they're working against us. How we perceive, not what we perceive, is what influences how and what we think and believe, which, in turn, affects our behaviors. If we are to engage others, both of our own and other cultures, we must become more aware, more self-aware of our perceptions, and those of others. We can shape and alter our thinking to allow our perceptions to help us become more effective employees, decision-makers, and leaders.

The Power of Critical Thinking is an introductory text for courses in critical thinking. This book covers arguments, belief and doubt, faulty reasoning, deductive and inductive reasoning, and inference; it also offers an introduction to the issues specific to both scientific and moral reasoning. The authors' presentation emphasizes the application of critical thinking skills in disciplines outside of philosophy. The colloquial and friendly tone makes a potentially difficult subject accessible to students. The addition of Canadian material has only enhanced this accessibility by providing students with examples and illustrations that will be familiar to them. Package Contains: 9780195425031 Power of Critical thinking 9780195430547 Writing Philosophy

In The Power of Education, the author goes back to first principles and asks: what is education, and what do individuals and society need from education? Reconnecting education with the 'heart and soul' of humanity, and finding that great purpose of mankind is paramount. This is distinct from a 'knowledge factory' that merely develops individuals for material advancement and personal progression. Values, morals, compassion, empathy, gratitude, mutual respect, fairness and social responsibility are all essential traits for individuals that collectively form a successful society, and these traits need to be instilled during the entire educational experience. By rethinking and developing an effective education methodology one can work towards building a better world, based upon equality and fairness for all.

In today's dynamic global business environment where knowledge is a main asset and learning becomes the most important process, Business Education needs to employ the right practices to develop future leaders. Businesses require graduates that become true experts. But can business schools indeed create learning experiences that address the needs of the global marketplace? Can they teach students to build learning organizations? The articles in this volume detail successful approaches developed by business educators and researchers. The approaches have been implemented to solve real problems and to provide students with the ethical and analytical abilities they will need to both compete and contribute to the betterment of others. The thematic part of this volume focuses on the potential of interactive on-line activities to promote business and economics education. They demonstrate the benefits that learning technologies can bring and show how to overcome potential problem issues.

Demonstrating the practical relevance and import of many historically significant philosophers (e.g. Socrates, Aristotle, Epictetus, Hume, Kant, Mill, Sartre, and Nietzsche), Critical Thinking Unleashed presents a practical, non-technical, and comprehensive approach to critical thinking. In contrast to other treatments of practical reasoning, Elliot D. Cohen not only teaches students how to identify and refute irrational premises—he also teaches them how to construct rational antidotes to combat the personal, social, and political obstacles they confront in everyday life.

This introduction to critical thinking focuses on an integrated, universal concept of critical thinking that is both substantive and practical. It provides students with the basic intellectual skills they need to think through content in any class, subject, or discipline, and through any problems or issues they face. Now available from Rowman & Littlefield, Richard Paul and Linda Elder's Critical Thinking: Learn the Tools the Best Thinkers Use focuses on the most basic critical thinking concepts. It includes activities that allow readers to apply these concepts within disciplines and to life. An added feature to this brief book is a focus on close reading and substantive writing. Content highlights include: Think for Yourself activities Discovering the parts of thinking and the standards for thinking Learning to formulate clear and substantive questions Making the design of a course work for you Close reading and substantive writing Becoming a fairminded thinker

The Power of Critical Thinking: Effective Reasoning About Ordinary and Extraordinary Claims, Seventh Edition, provides the broadest range of tools to show students how critical thinking applies in their lives and the world around them. It explores the essentials of critical reasoning, argumentation, logic, and argumentative essay writing while also incorporating important topics that most other texts leave out, such as inference to the best explanation, scientific reasoning, evidence and authority, visual reasoning, and obstacles to critical thinking.

This collection is comprised of papers submitted to the 3rd International Online Language Conference (IOLC) held in September 2010. IOLC 2010 was a two-day conference which aimed to provide a forum for academics, practitioners, experts and students to debate current international issues and challenges in the broad area of language learning and teaching. This annual world-renowned conference takes place over the internet, allowing participants to save accommodation and flight expenses and at the same time helping to save our planet by reducing CO2 emissions. All submitted papers went through a double blind review process before a decision was made. This was to ensure the quality level of the conference is kept high.

In this smart and accessible book, Greg Ashman explores how you can harness the potential of these often misunderstood and misapplied teaching methods to achieve positive learning outcomes for the students you teach.

You Don't Ever Want To Lose Out On Achieving Super Success In Life On Account Of Cognitive Biases and Blind Spots of Critical Thinking Blighting Your Decision Making? Then Read On! Are you one of those people who find it difficult to get along with people or read situations? Do you feel that your life would change considerably for the better if you could get rid of your cognitive biases and improve your critical thinking skills? Have you always been awed at the sight of some people being able to feel comfortable in whatever situation life puts them in? Would you like to be one of those people? Do you also worry about your irrational behavior becoming a stumbling block in your personal and professional growth? What if you were told that you could find a great way of getting rid of your biases, blind spots and display of irrational behavior? Do you think that there is nothing on the face of this world that can help you overcome your predilection to make a hash of your social interactions? Then this book is what squarely addresses your concerns. You need to look no further than this masterfully created tome about all things concerning concealed biases, blind spots and irrational models of behavior! It contains everything that you need to know about critical thinking—what it is and what you can do to enhance it. It explains why some people have great emotional maturity and critical thinking ability and some seemingly none whatsoever. It makes you understand and believe that you can develop great emotional stability and the ability to come out on top in crucial situations. By reading this book you get to: -Understand what cognitive biases and blind spots of critical thinking are. -Understand the impact of critical thinking on decision-making. -Understand what critical thinking is and how it can stop you from following irrational mental models of thinking. -Learn to be great at critical thinking and optimal decision making. Sure, there are a million articles and many books out there that make similar claims, but those are nothing more than just claims. Understanding cognitive biases, and blind spots of critical thinking involves the study of the human mind, which anyone will tell you is in the realm of the highest science. This book has referenced the latest scientific advances that are peer validated and accepted as relevant facts by the scientific community. Reading this book will bring about an epiphany of your mind and transform your life. But only if you act now!

This exciting, practical book is an essential resource for every busy primary teacher and very easy to use in the classroom. It provides advice, beautifully illustrated original themed stories, and critical learning activities. The critical learning activities are accompanied by photocopiable resources, including original photographs.

This definitive A to Z guide provides precise definitions for over 130 terms and concepts used in critical thinking. Each entry presents a short definition followed by a more detailed explanation and authoritative clarification.

For Freshman Orientation or Critical Thinking courses as well as a supplementary text for use in any subject-matter at any educational level. This concise, effective guide is designed to help students learn to think critically in any subject-matter. Learning to Think Things Through presents a combination of instruction and exercises that shows the reader how to become active learners rather than passive recipients of information, use critical thinking to more fully appreciate the power of the discipline they are studying, to see its connections to other fields and to their day-to-day lives, and to maintain an overview of the field so they can see the parts in terms of the whole. The model of critical thinking (used throughout the book) is in terms of the elements of reasoning, standards, and critical thinking processes. This model is well-suited to thinking through any problem or question. The 4th edition reflects streamlined writing, with changes and substantial edits on virtually every page. NOTE: This is the standalone book, if you want the book/access card order the ISBN below: 0134019466 / 9780134019468 Learning to Think Things Through: A Guide to Critical Thinking Across the Curriculum Plus NEW MyStudentSuccessLab Update -- Access Card Package Package consists of: 0133939243 / 9780133939248 MyStudentSuccessLab -- Glue in Access Card 0133939251 / 9780133939255

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The importance of critical thinking has surged as academics in higher education realize that many students, upon entering college, lack the critical thinking skills necessary to succeed. While much has been written regarding the 'lack' of critical thinking, less has been written on the success of methods implemented to develop this fundamental skill. The Handbook of Research on Advancing Critical Thinking in Higher Education explores the effective methods and tools being used to integrate the development of critical thinking skills in both undergraduate and graduate studies. Due to the difficulties associated with teaching critical thinking skills to learners of any age, this publication is a crucial addition to the scholarly reference works available to pre-service and early career teachers, seasoned educational professionals, professors across disciplines, curriculum specialists, and educational administrators.

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