

## 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*

