

Thinking Skills Workshop

Workshop Outcomes:

Teachers will be able to:

Day One Workshop	Day Two Workshop	Objective	Questions/Examples
X		Identify the type of thinking necessary to live confidently and competently in a society such as ours.	<i>The U.S. is capitalistic. What type of thinking is necessary to negotiate this important characteristic of our country?</i>
X		List the major thinking types students should master in school.	<i>Memorize, analyze, solve problems, create, etc.</i>
X		Link the thinking type(s) with the major objectives of classes you teach.	<i>What is the primary thinking required for students to achieve in each of your classes?</i>
X		Identify the thinking type indicated by the verb in each objective/standard.	<i>Students will analyze the poem by noting the main idea.)</i>
X		Link student activities with thinking types.	<i>Why sort of activity would help students "understand" the concept of PLOT better?</i>
	X	Identify the thinking type associated with given activities.	<i>"This morning, I want you to read the two articles and note some similarities and differences in them."</i>
	X	Describe the biological basis for thinking.	<i>How does the brain think?</i>
	X	List the terms associated with thinking.	<i>Cognitive, critical thinking, analytical thinking, common sense, rational thinking, etc.</i>
	X	Describe a current research study that indicates the benefits of stressing thinking in the classroom.	<i>Explicitly engaging students in the creation of nonlinguistic representations stimulates and increase activity in the brain. (Gerlick/Jausovec, 1999)</i>
	X	Describe the critical attributes of a "thoughtful classroom environment."	<i>1. Teacher is skilled at questioning. 2. Students are skilled at questioning other students. 3. etc.</i>
	X	Describe the role of teacher questioning skills in enhancing student thinking.	<i>Student thinking can be accessed via teacher cues, verbal or written.</i>

We conduct our Thinking Skills Workshop in either a one or two day setting. (seven hour day with an hour lunch....8:00-4:00) The chart above indicates which outcomes are included in each workshop. Please call 303-485-9709 or email jcrosscon@msn.com if requesting a workshop with different outcomes or times. Manual provided with each workshop. Price: \$1000 per day plus expenses.