

### ***What are Critical and Creative Thinking lessons?***

These lessons are designed to teach students how to think more effectively throughout the curriculum.

Lessons are used to develop creative and critical thinking skills in *all* learners.

Lessons are aligned with Virginia ***Standards of Learning*** and Fairfax County Public Schools' ***Program of Studies***.

### ***Delivery of Critical and Creative Thinking lessons***

- 1.) Teach *Introduction to Thinking Skill* lesson as a stand alone lesson and/or incorporate into step 2.
- 2.) Arrange for a lesson that aligns with the Fairfax County Program of Studies being focused on at that point.
- 3.) Record observable behaviors and collect evidence as applicable. Lessons list assessment points to consider.
- 4.) Advanced Academic Resource Teacher provides additional resources and feedback to the classroom teacher. Lessons suggest extensions.

\*Advanced Academic Resource Teacher provides these lessons in the classroom several times throughout the school year. The classroom teacher supplements with lessons as they compliment POS objectives.

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## ***Critical and Creative Thinking Lessons***

### ***Use of Critical and Creative Thinking lessons***

The introductory Thinking Lessons provide a **direct approach** to increasing student awareness of thinking processes and lay the foundation for developing the nine thinking strategies through application in content areas. **Using thinking lessons is the first level of gifted service** and is one important way that classroom teachers can recognize and develop advanced thinking in all students.

### ***Nine Thinking Strategies***

Questioning  
Fluency, Flexibility, Originality, Elaboration  
Visualization  
Mind Mapping  
Point of View  
Analogies  
Encapsulation  
Decisions and Outcomes  
Plus, Minus, Interesting