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Beyond "Full Potential"

Reconsidering What Success Means for 2e Children



How do you define success?

How would your children say you define success?

Removing Potential from our Vocabularies

The problem with saying

We need our kids to reach their full potential.



Is that Potential = Fixed

Don't work at Google. Make your own damn Google.

Jamie Casap

I'm different. I can't base what I'm gon' be off of what everybody isn't

Jay-Z

The Myth of Meritocracy

What do you need to get ahead?

What is Meritocracy?

A system in which the talented are chosen and moved ahead based on their achievements.

Is this really how people get ahead?



Merit alone cannot be relied upon for jobs.

70% of open positions are not even posted.



There is an additional set of interpersonal skills that our children need!	Empathy	Good Time Management
	Consistency	Humility
	Mindfulness	Positivity
	Good Listening	Assertiveness
	Delegating and Prioritizing	Honesty

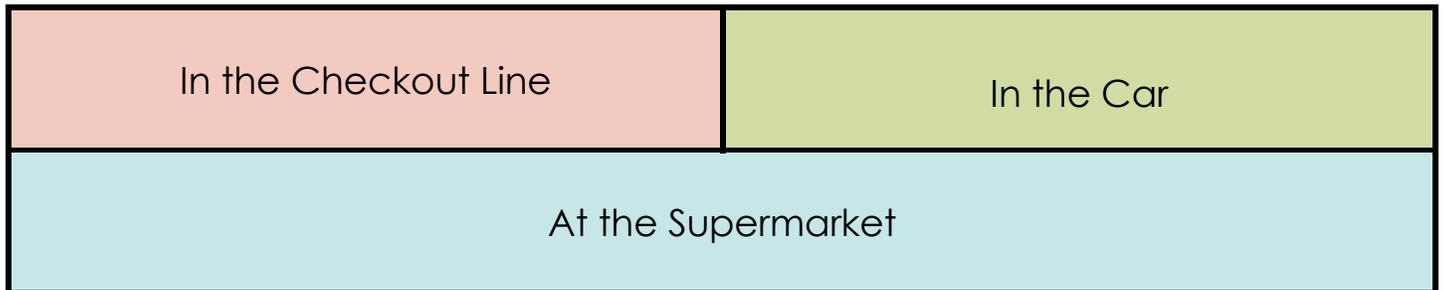
What is critical thinking and why is it so hard to teach?

Skills	and	Dispositions
Reasoning Inferring Interpreting Analyzing Meta-cognition		Inquisitiveness Truth-Seeking Self-Confidence Maturity

“The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn.”

- Alvin Toffler

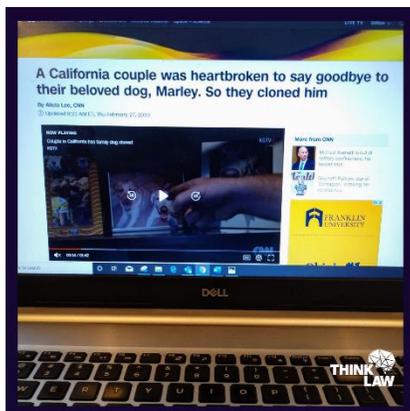
Asking Good Questions



What social responsibility do highly intelligent people have?

What is the difference between being right and doing right?

Analysis from Multiple Perspectives:



The news is rich for opportunities:

- How would a zookeeper feel?
- How would a geneticist feel?
- What about someone who runs an animal shelter?



It's not what you know, it's who you know.

It's not who you know, it's who knows you.

Networking is a skill.
How can you help
your child practice?

Leveraging Differences as Strengths

All children do not have
the same opportunities.

Because, not despite.

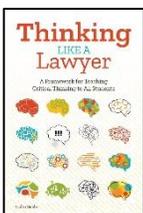
But that's okay...



Because, not despite.



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plan?



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