

Assess Your Knowledge of Thinking Skills

<p>Do you have a strong grasp of what thinking skills are and why they're important? (Circle one.)</p>	<p>Yes No</p>
<p>Describe how you define the concept of thinking skills. What makes these skills critical to learning?</p>	
<p>How much instructional time do you spend on helping students think more effectively about content? (Circle one.)</p>	<p>I build thinking skills into teaching. I don't teach thinking skills, but they are important. It's not my job to teach thinking skills.</p>
<p>Describe your strategy to teach students thinking skills as part of your instruction. If you don't address thinking skills as part of your teaching, why not?</p>	
<p>Are you aware of how poverty affects students' cognitive abilities? (Circle one.)</p>	<p>Yes No</p>
<p>Describe how you believe poverty affects thinking. What strategies, if any, do you use to counteract these negative effects?</p>	