TEACHING KIDS TO THINK CRITICALLY

The Foundation for Critical Thinking has developed 'Intellectual Standards', which are ways you can encourage your children to learn to think more critically.

Ask your children to **BE CLEAR** by asking for explanations and examples if they don't understand something. It's also important to let them know it's okay to be confused and to ask questions.

Encourage your kids to **BE ACCURATE**. It's always a good idea for them to check to see if something is true by researching the facts.

Encourage children to **BE RELEVANT** by discussing other topics that relate to the discussion or problem at hand. Help them stay on track by linking related and meaningful information to the question they are trying to answer or the topic they're learning about.

Support your child's ability to **BE LOGICAL**. Help them understand how things fit together or the logic behind a situation. Don't be afraid to question how they arrive at certain conclusions and whether their assumptions are correct.

It's crucial to set expectations that your child should always **BE FAIR**. Promote empathy in their thinking processes, making sure they consider others when coming to a decision.

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