

Enduring Idea #5: Emphasis on Critical and Creative Thinking Skills

Learners of a second language are engaged in critical and creative thinking on a daily basis.

In order to make sense of what they are hearing, reading, and viewing, and communicate their messages clearly, they need to use a variety of strategies to solve problems and make meaning.

Problem solving skills are an integral part of learning and interacting in a language.

When students think critically and ask questions about what they are hearing, reading, and viewing, they begin to develop their critical literacy skills.

As a result of the pedagogical shift and the research surrounding language acquisition, there is a focus on the development of student's thinking skills. In addition, there is a shift from the memorization and recall of vocabulary and language structures to students applying their knowledge of the language and using it in creative and innovative ways in new contexts.