



**CREATING FUTURE THINKERS:
CREATIVE AND CRITICAL THINKING
IN THE CLASSROOM**





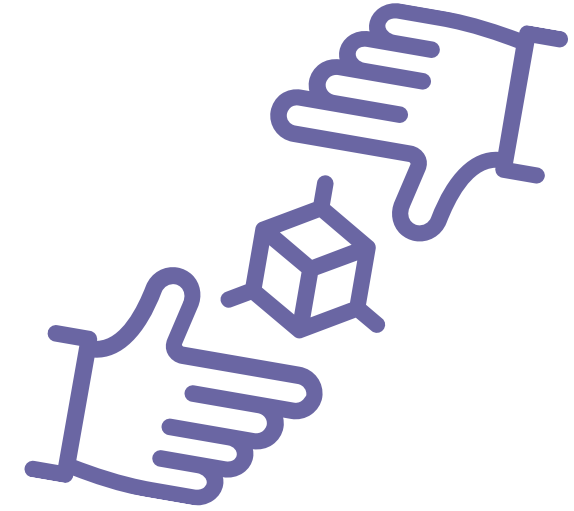
WHY IS CREATIVE AND CRITICAL THINKING IMPORTANT IN TODAY'S WORLD?

- The world is changing, and future employers are requiring these skills
- Research from [LinkedIn](#), [Adobe](#), and [World Forum](#) show these skills in the top 10 most needed skills for the future
- Our world is full of uncertainties, and these skills will assist in navigating the future
- Creative thinking leads to creative problem solving
- Creativity encourages wellness and empathy





WHY ARE CREATIVE AND CRITICAL THINKING IMPORTANT IN EDUCATION?



- Challenges students to learn from different perspectives
- Creates rigorous curriculum
- Encourages collaboration and communication
- Allows teachers to act as a facilitator
- Gives students more autonomy to learn what they are curious about
- Encourages students to take risks and embrace failure



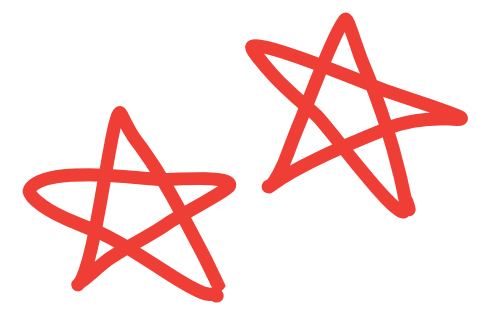
WHAT'S STOPPING US?



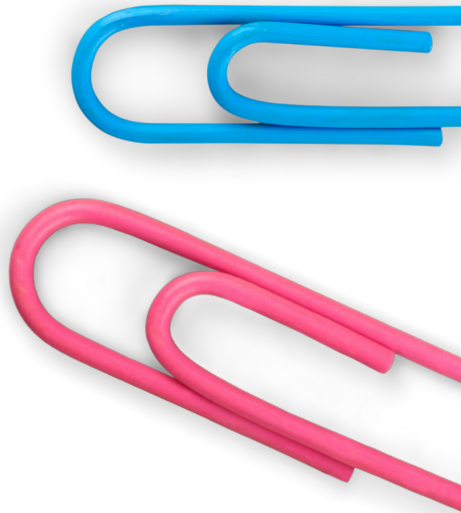
When I talk to teachers across the country about their concerns with infusing t curriculum with creative thinking – I receive various responses:

- “I have too much content to teach - I don’t have time for any creative lessons.”
- “Incorporating creativity in my classroom seems less structured – thus seems more chaotic. It throws my classroom management off.”
- “Assessing for creativity is impossible. I need to stick to the standards being tested.”
- “I’m not a creative person, so how can I teach creativity?”

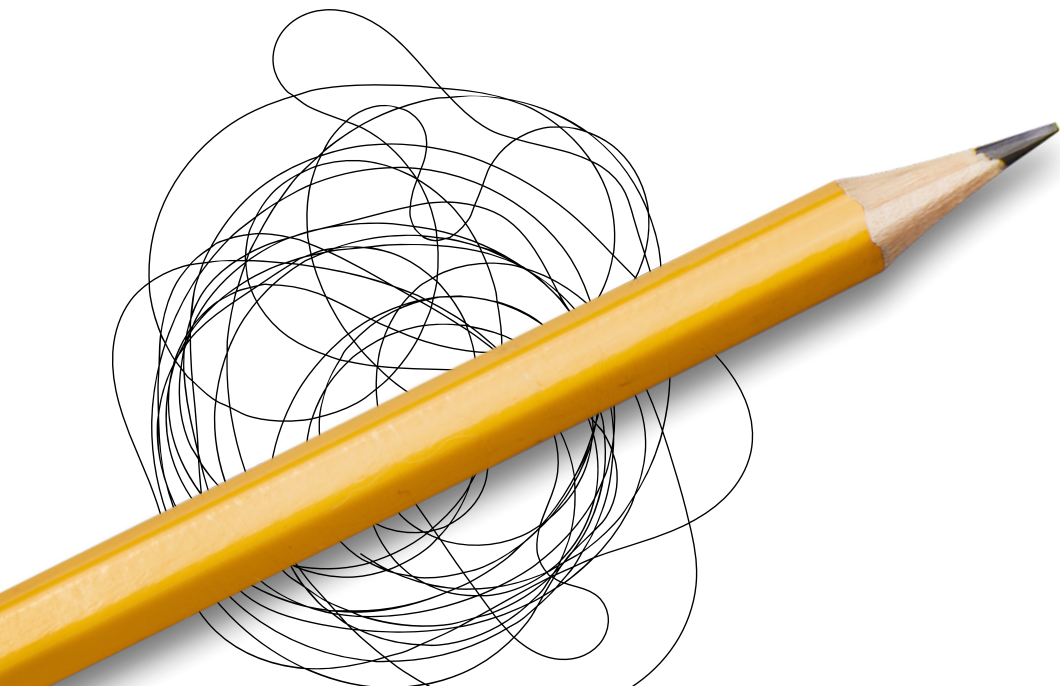


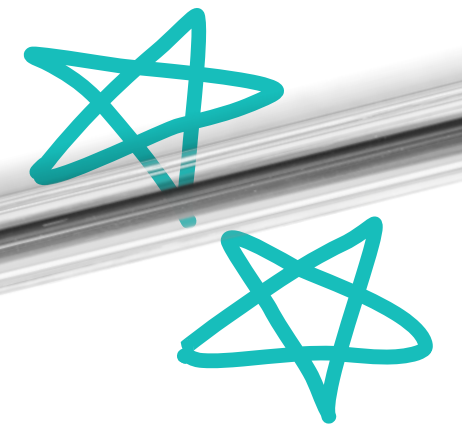
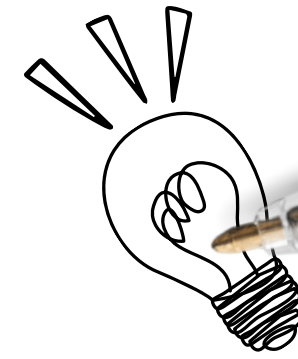


WHAT IS CREATIVE THINKING, AND HOW DOES IT LOOK IN A CLASSROOM?

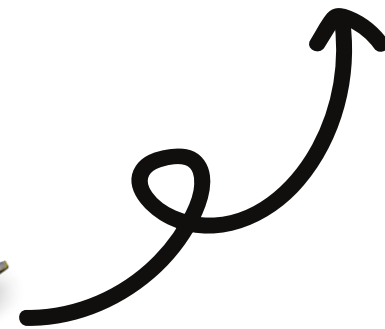
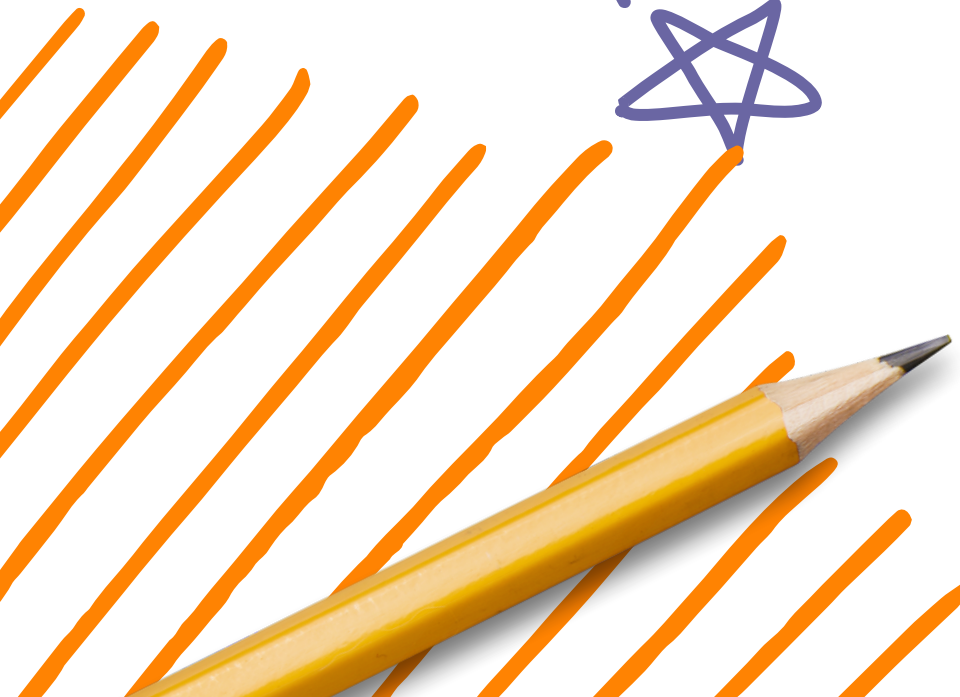
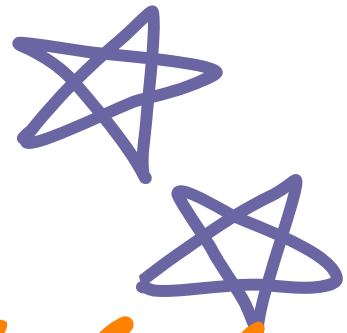


“A process of generating thoughts (ideas, interpretation, or insights) that are evaluated by oneself or others to be original and meaningful in the context of a particular task, situation, or domain.” (Beghetto 2020)





**THIS PROCESS MAY TAKE TIME IN YOUR CLASSROOM -
BUT YOU CAN USE WHAT YOU ARE CURRENTLY
TEACHING AND INFUSE IT
WITH CREATIVE THINKING**

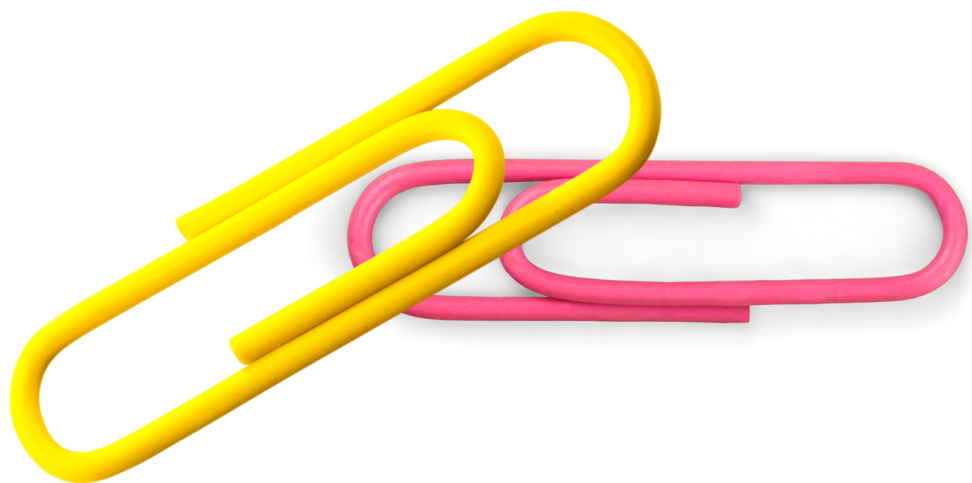


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C- CONTENT CURATOR

Content Curation is sharing knowledge in an in-depth, relevant, and challenging manner. It allows educators and students to consume information critically, become inspired to learn more, and creatively question ideas.





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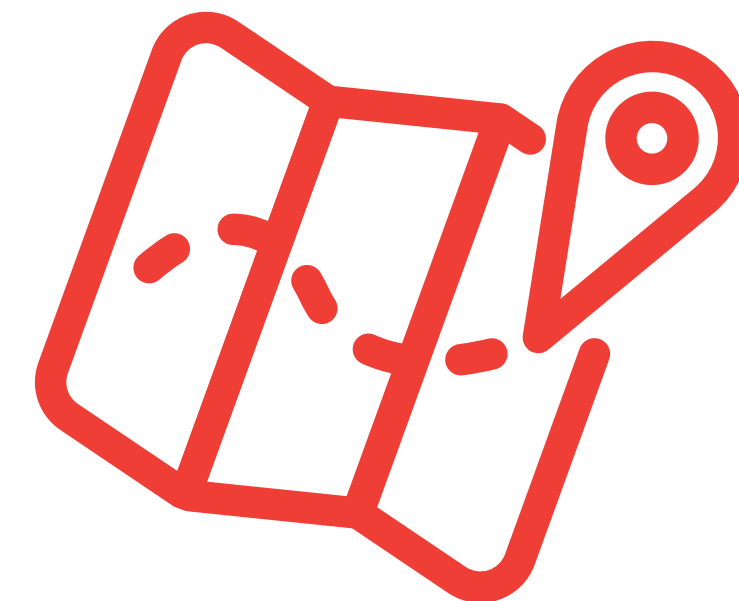
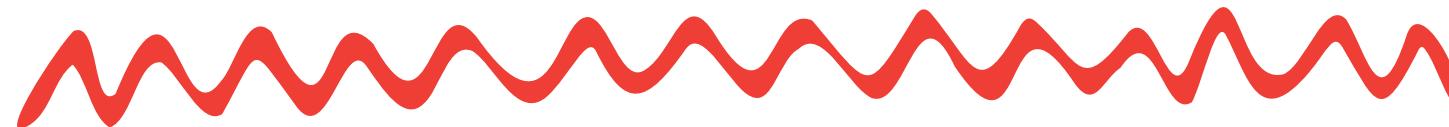
R - RISK FACILITATOR

Many students and teachers dread expressing new or contrasting ideas for fear of how others may react. Insecurity and vulnerability surround us all.

This segment of the CREATE method aims to change that mindset and show participants the importance of embracing uncertainty and how to facilitate an environment of risk-taking instead of risk apprehension.



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E- EXPERIENCE NAVIGATOR

Navigating different learning experiences can be a challenge. Terms such as scaffolding, differentiation, and individualized learning plans emphasize the need for variety in a student's classroom experience.

During this segment, learn how to promote a classroom culture that encourages a sense of belonging and excitement for the learning process.





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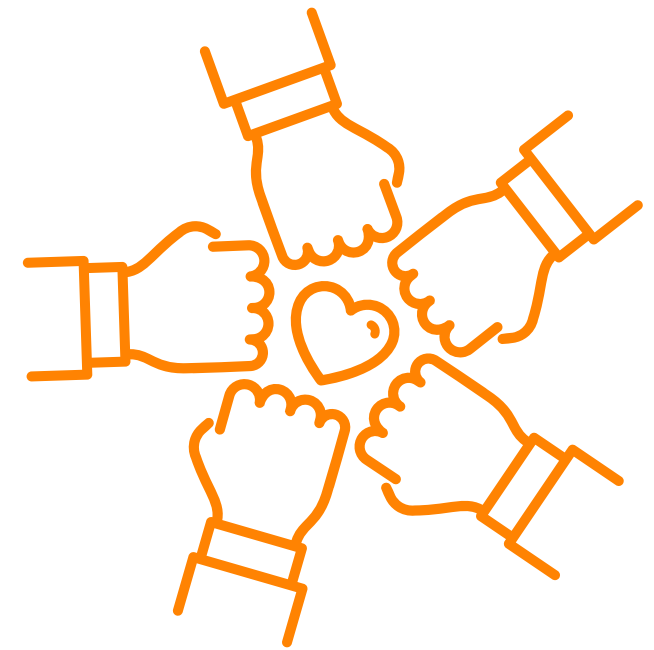
A- ATTITUDE SHIFTER

.How we view the learning process, ourselves, and others can significantly impact our ability to be curious and creative thinkers. Learning how to shift attitudes and embrace the “not yet” allows learners to be more confident decision-makers. Combining a growth mindset and affirmative judgment allows one to approach creative ideas with an open mind, even while evaluating them. Consider those novel ideas are, by definition, unfamiliar and, at times, uncomfortable.

Learning to align one's attitude with each unique situation is essential when encountering curiosity and creative and critical thinking.



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T- TEAM TRANSFORMER

When we embrace different creative learning styles within a creative environment, it allows team members to be more robust, efficient, and confident.

During this segment, investigate strategies on how to create strong, creative, collaborative, and effective teams with contagious energy.

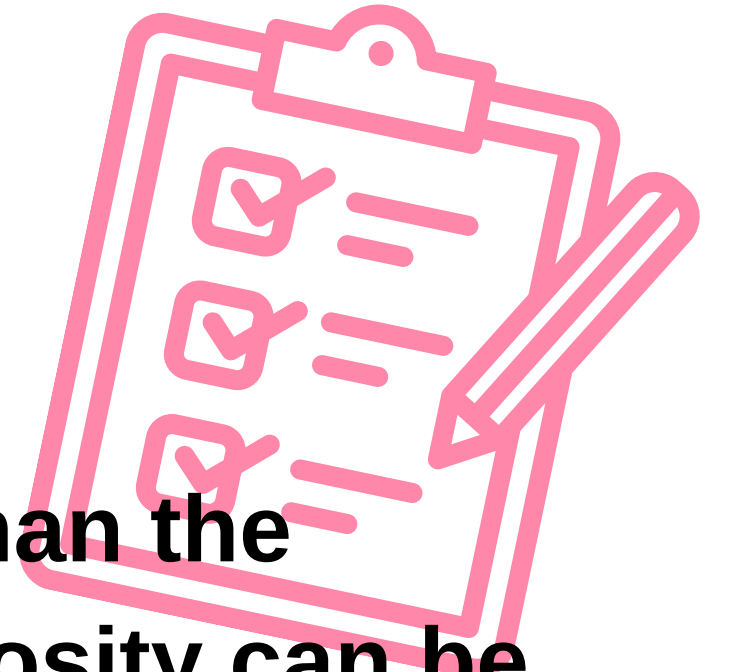




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E - EVALUATION DESIGNER

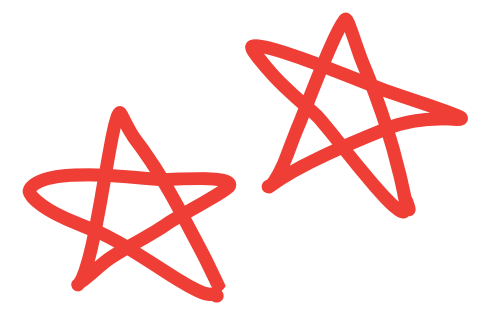


The education world can focus more on the collection of data than the investment of knowledge. Soft skills such as creativity and curiosity can be a challenge to assess.

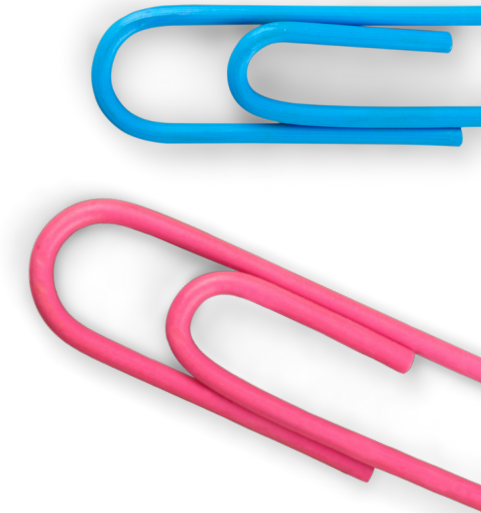
Designing assessments that offer numerous opportunities for feedback while encouraging risk and creative thinking is essential to acquiring knowledge.

Learn how to create opportunities that encourage curiosity and creativity so students can manage, monitor and modify their own learning.





REMEMBER, THIS IS A PROCESS



- **Give yourself the grace to make mistakes**
- **Ask for student input**
- **Work with a peer**
- **Join a creative network**
- **Take one lesson at a time**
- **Remember, this isn't about crayons - it's about using knowledge in a challenging and original way**





LET'S GET CREATING CURRICULUM

