



# Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center: Critical Thinking

## A REVOLUTIONARY NEW TOOL FOR THE CHALLENGES THAT FACE EDUCATORS

Recent studies have shown that today's students are often lacking the information literacy skills required in the 21st century workplace\*, skills that will ensure successful learning now and meet career challenges tomorrow. That's why Gale is pleased to announce our groundbreaking new product: ***Opposing Viewpoints® Resource Center: Critical Thinking***.

Through focus groups, Gale learned that:

- **Librarians** are committed to ensuring students develop the information literacy skills they need by fostering a research environment that supports in classroom learning.
- **Teachers** must ensure that not only basic skills such as reading, writing and numeracy are mastered, but that students learn *applied skills* like problem solving and critical thinking.
- **Schools and school districts** want their curriculum supported, and are constantly pressured to raise student achievement and improve test scores.
- **Students** appreciate being able to safely measure their intellectual growth and development while completing assignments quickly and easily.

***Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center: Critical Thinking*** will help you teach students to think critically and creatively while following state-guided curriculum standards that require critical-thinking skills.

## INTRODUCING A DYNAMIC NEW ADD-ON TO OUR ACCLAIMED *OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS RESOURCE CENTER*:

***Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center: Critical Thinking*** is an ingenious new way to help students develop the critical-thinking skills they need, while supporting their personal development and mastery of curricula. The new *Critical Thinking* module offers activities, assessments and tools that encourage students to interact with, argue about and analyze issues and concepts, encouraging the next step of learning, beyond rote memorization. Additionally, students can use ***Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center: Critical Thinking*** in a self-directed fashion, as a resource for group projects and in a classroom environment. Students will master core curriculum content and develop skills while engaging in the self-discovery of their opinions across a broad spectrum of issues.

## WE'VE MADE A MUCH-LOVED, MUST-HAVE LIBRARY RESOURCE EVEN BETTER!

Based on the acclaimed Greenhaven Press® print series, *Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center* offers thousands of statistics, newspaper and magazine articles, images, primary source documents, Web site links, podcasts, and articles written by experts on a wide variety of current-event topics. Students love the easy access to some of the best sources of information available on today's most controversial topics. Librarians appreciate how ***Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center: Critical Thinking*** represents a new vision for reference: a movement away from static resources toward a personalized learning experience.



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Educators value the rich, authoritative resources that supplement and amplify classroom teaching. *Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center: Critical Thinking* is 21st century reference for 21st century learners.

## AN EXCITING NEW WAY TO LEARN THAT REALLY GETS STUDENTS THINKING

*Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center: Critical Thinking* provides a variety of challenging activities, quizzes and audio entries that promote engaged learning AND align with state curriculum standards and your library programs. Features like “Questions to Think About,” “Words to Know,” and “Find Out More” encourage interaction, problem solving and inquiry-based learning. Each topic has three entries: an overview and two viewpoint essays to foster balanced, unbiased research. The content is comprised of reference resources, and covers 250 of the most assigned topics such as:

- crime prevention
- drug abuse
- euthanasia
- illegal immigration
- school violence
- stem cells

Extensive use of audio – including MP3s of each article, as well as key word definitions for SAT terms that can be heard aloud – will help reach lower-level readers.

Reading and writing prompts, assessments for understanding, and extension activities reinforce the material. Plus, the same intuitive, easy-to-use interface as *Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center* allows students to find what they need quickly, view previous searches and save results for future reference.

Teachers will applaud content that maps back to their curriculum, and librarians will love how this educational tool aligns the library's collection with classroom studies.

*Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center: Critical Thinking* is a must-have addition for any high school, public library or two-year college dedicated to developing 21st century knowledge and skills and preparing students for the real world.

## NEW! 21ST CENTURY SKILLS FOR TODAY'S STUDENTS

Fully aligned with today's learning goals, *Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center: Critical Thinking* bolsters students' advanced applied-thinking capabilities with these 18 important 21st century skills:

1. Evaluating the credibility of information sources
2. Distinguishing relevant from irrelevant facts
3. Distinguishing fact from opinion
4. Recognizing contradictions
5. Recognizing bias
6. Clarifying issues, conclusions, or beliefs
7. Developing criteria for evaluation: clarifying values and standards
8. Analyzing arguments, interpretations, beliefs, or theories
9. Identifying assumptions
10. Making plausible inferences, predictions, or interpretations
11. Analyzing or evaluating actions or policies
12. Comparing analogous situations: transferring insights to new contexts
13. Recognizing cause and effect
14. Demonstrating reasoned judgment
15. Identifying alternatives
16. Exploring implications and consequences
17. Generating or assessing solutions
18. Drawing and testing conclusions

\* “Are They Really Ready To Work?” The Conference Board, Inc., the Partnership for 21st Century Skills, Corporate Voices for Working Families, and the Society for Human Resource Management. 2006.