

A STUDY ON THE IMPORTANCE AND NECESSITY OF CRITICAL THINKING TRAINING IN THE INFORMATION SOCIETY

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Abstract

Today we are confronted with a type of society characterized as "information society" or "post-industrial society". In this society, information is placed on the forefront as the most valuable capital and important power. With the information age, a great accumulation of knowledge has occurred, which has brought technological, social, economic, political and cultural developments and changes. The number of individuals who have the ability to process information and access information in this age is considered to be a sign of the success of societies. One of the most important aims of today's education is to train the individual as flexible, equipped with the knowledge and skills appropriate to the needs of the age and prepare them for the changing circumstances of the age. One of the most important elements of information society is critical thinking. Critical thinking education is very important for the society in terms of technological development and economic prosperity and important for the individual to develop language, personality traits, problem solving skills, creativity and mental capacity. In this study a discussion is being conducted by trying to answer the following questions: What are the important things to be aware of in the acquisition of critical thinking skills? What are the factors that affect critical thinking education in negative way? What are the educational system, schools and teachers need to consider for effective and productive critical thinking education? What needs to be done to enable students to gain effective critical thinking skills, what opportunities and conditions must be provided to them?

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