

We help educators teach critical thinking to ALL students.



thinkLaw exists to create a world where critical thinking is no longer a luxury good. Critical thinking is the precursor to innovation, a key to college and career readiness and has been linked to more positive life outcomes.

What is thinkLaw curriculum?

thinkLaw's **standards-aligned**, award-winning lessons help educators unleash the critical thinking potential of ALL students. These **rigorous and engaging lessons** use real-life legal cases and current events in grades 3-12 and fairy tales and nursery rhymes for grades PreK-2.

How do teachers access it?

thinkLaw's digital resource library (thinkPortal) houses **over 600 lessons**, searchable by grade level, topic or theme, lesson type, and instructional strategy. Included are teacher guides, adaptable student sheets, slide decks, & tons of planning & instructional resources for teachers.

How long does planning take?

Lessons typically take only **10-20 minutes of prep time**, allowing teachers to incorporate critical thinking into what you're already teaching.

How can critical thinking transform my lessons?

What is the mitochondria of a cell?



Who is the "mitochondria" of your family?
Where is the nucleus of your community?

How do you define the radius and circumference of a circle?



Starting at our school, how far would you need to walk in each direction to find a healthy grocery store?

Solve for x:
 $2x + 8 = 20$



Which **wrong** answer is **more right?**

$2x + 8 = 20$
 $2x = 10$
 $x = 5$

OR $2x + 8 = 20$
 $2x = 12$
 $x = 10$

Where does it fit?

thinkLaw's Partner Success team works with teachers and leaders to find the right fit for our supplementary curricular resources, whether it's advisory, an SEL block, homeroom, an elementary morning meeting, a gifted pullout, or push-in class, an MTSS intervention block, or after school enrichment.

Why thinkLaw?

thinkLaw exists to create a world where critical thinking is no longer a luxury good. We help educators teach critical thinking to all students, not just the highest achieving ones at the most exclusive schools. Rote memorization and spoon-fed learning will not prepare young people for the rapidly changing workforce that awaits them.

Impact on Student Learning



When we tap into students' inherent sense of fairness and justice, they:

- **Take the lead** in class discussions.
- Become **problem finders**, not just problem solvers.
- Realize **not all questions** have right or wrong answers.
- **Disagree** without being disagreeable.
- **Settle & negotiate** issues on their own, leading to fewer behavior issues.
- Shift from asking “what” and “how” to “**why**” and “**what if**”.
- Develop arguments **supported by evidence** to back up their claims.



Sample thinkPortal Lesson: The Chair

Five-year-old Brian was sued by his aunt for battery.

His aunt claimed that Brian saw that she was about to sit down in a chair. Brian pulled the chair away from her just as she was going to sit down.



As a result, she fell on the floor. She seriously hurt her hip and had to pay \$11,000 in hospital bills.

Is Brian liable (responsible) for battery?

- Was Brian's act on purpose?
- Did Brian's act involve contact with another person?
- Was Brian's act harmful or offensive?
- Did Brian's act cause damages?



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