

THE POWER OF INQUIRY: THE KEY TO UNLOCKING INQUIRY- BASED THINKING

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In our information-rich age, the ability to ask the right questions is more important than ever. By developing a habit of daily inquiry, everyone can unlock the secret to inquiry-based thinking and endless innovation.

Inquiry is a higher-order thinking skill that both unlocks deeper insights and promotes innovation. It is also a prerequisite for the accurate use of artificial intelligence and an invaluable tool for lifelong learning. This book is a comprehensive exploration of how to improve critical thinking and problem-solving skills through effective inquiry. It combines concise, clear theory with examples for its practical application, providing educators, parents, and other individuals with the tools to cultivate inquiry-based thinking and more meaningful, deeper learning experiences.

The book is divided into four main sections featuring question words commonly used in inquiry. First, the author asks “why” to analyze the connection between inquiry and thinking, as well as the importance of asking questions in interpersonal relationships. In the following section, the author introduces the circumstances, context, and methods for inquiry that take us to the next step of answering “what” inquiry is. In the third and longest section, the author explains in greater detail “how” students use inquiry in everyday learning, and “how” teachers and parents use it to teach and communicate. Finally, the author makes some cautionary points to take note of when asking “who” and “when”.



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This book provides a clear, methodical guide for learning and thinking about inquiry and our learning and thinking skills. Improving our powers of inquiry not only provides more possibilities for teachers and parents, but also fosters children's curiosity and motivation to learn. Asking the right questions helps us to understand the world and decide how we will change it, a seemingly simple thing that isn't really simple at all.

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