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| **CRITICAL THINKING**(Intellectual/Synthesizing Mind)Critical thinking: thinking deeper about any subject, content, or problem. This is done by breaking it down into smaller pieces in order to really understand a topic.  |
|  | **Emerging**With help, I am beginning to do this. | **Developing**Sometimes I need help and sometimes I can do this by myself.  | **Applying**I can do this on my own. |
| **Explores and questions information and ideas** | • I ask questions for a short and simple answer • After reading or listening to information, I find it difficult to figure out the main idea • I can give my opinion | • I ask questions to find an explanation• After reading or listening, I can figure out the main issue or idea• I can give my opinion and give a simple reason why I think that• I am willing to hear other opinions that are different than mine | • I ask questions that make myself and/or others understand and think more deeply• After reading or listening to information, I can explain what the main idea is and give reasons for my thinking• I can give my opinion and support it with details• I can listen to others to help prove my own opinion or I can choose to change my mind  |
| **Solves problems and makes decisions** | • It can be hard to figure out what the problem is • I make a quick decision without thinking about other choices  | • I know what the problem is• I can give simple solutions to a problem• I think about my choices and then make a decision | • I know what the problem is and can explain it in detail• I can come up with several solutions to the problem and give reasons why these are good possible solutions• I can make a decision and explain my choice |

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