

Costa's Levels of Thinking

To better understand the content being presented in their core subject areas, it is essential for students to learn to think critically and to ask higher levels of questions. By asking higher levels of questions, students deepen their knowledge and create connections to the material being presented. Students need to be familiar with Costa's (and/or Bloom's) Levels of Thinking to assist them in formulating higher levels of questions.

3—Applying

(Off the Page)

Evaluate
Judge
If/Then

Generalize
Predict
Hypothesize

Imagine
Speculate
Forecast

2—Processing

(Between the Lines)

Compare
Sort
Infer

Contrast
Distinguish
Analyze

Classify
Explain (Why?)

1—Gathering

(On the Page)

Complete
Identify
Recite

Define
List
Select

Describe
Observe