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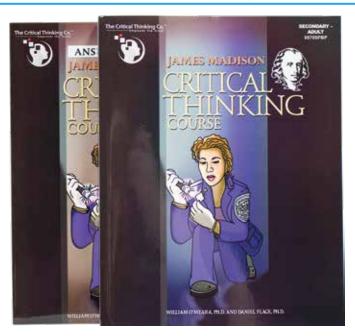


THIS IS AS CRITICAL AS IT IS APPEALING

Somehow students have received the mistaken notion that the only academic goal that matters is whether they are proficient in the "three 'R's." That's simply untrue! All of us need to continuously practice and apply how to think and how to reason, or all of our academics will be useless.

But logic does not need to be an abstract, theoretical, hard-to-care-about topic. With this year's detective-based thinking-skills course and 3-D make-it-fit game, learning thinking skills is down-to-earth, engaging, and enjoyable. Your brain will never be the same.

JAMES MADISON CRITICAL THINKING COURSE



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Using mini-mysteries and a fictional detective with the Los Angeles Police Department, each chapter of the James Madison Critical Thinking Course focuses on various thinking skills and leads you gradually into complicated analytical skills.

Massive in scope, the course teaches more than 65 skills and concepts related to critical thinking, such as learning how to distinguish a fact from an opinion, recognizing ambiguity in a statement, evaluating arguments as valid or not, and assessing common fallacies in reasoning.

Scheduling

Completing 15 to 16 pages a week will let you finish the entire book this year. (Too much? Consider doing half this year and half next.)



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Color Fold offers a unique, innovative cloth-folding brain game that is simple to learn, but difficult to master. With the Color Fold 4x4 cloth you will need to fold and flip your cloth until only the colored squares

shown on the challenge card can be seen.

We quickly learned that finding the right combination of horizontal, vertical, and diagonal folds can be quite challenging. There are multiple ways to solve each Color Fold challenge, but don't expect any of them to be easy! What a fun way to strengthen your visual perception and sequential reasoning skills.

Scheduling

With 40 challenges to complete, simply do 1 or 2 new ones a week to keep your brain sharp!