

The Partnership for Twenty-First-Century Skills

TEACHING INNOVATION Global-Age Skills

A decade ago, educators began to compile a list of skills essential for postsecondary education, work, and citizenship in an information-based, global world. The Partnership for Twenty-First-Century Skills breaks the list into three categories:

Skills related to twenty-first-century life

- Global awareness ,
- Financial, economic, business and entrepreneurial literacy
- Civic literacy
- Health and wellness awareness

Learning and thinking skills

- Critical thinking and problem-solving
- Communication
- Creativity and innovation
- Collaboration
- Contextual learning
- Information and media literacy

Life skills

- Ethics
- Accountability
- Leadership
- Adaptability
- Personal productivity
- Personal responsibility
- People skills
- Self-direction
- Social responsibility

What is wrong with lists like this? Nothing, except how do you choose what to teach in your projects? The best approach is to familiarize yourself with the new basic skills and then focus on a limited number of skills and



The Partnership for Twenty-First-Century Skills attitudes that your students should master. Don't get caught up in the need to teach everything. A few skills, well learned, will make the difference in the lives of your students. Teach and assess no more than two skills per project.