

RESILIENCY FLORIDA

March Characteristic of the Month Toolkit

Each month, Resiliency Florida features one of the 11 key Resiliency Characteristics as the Characteristic of the Month. This month, Resiliency Florida is spotlighting **critical thinking and problem solving**.

In this toolkit, parents, teachers and school leaders will find a variety of resources to support starting the conversation about **critical thinking and problem solving**, not only in school, but at home.

To learn about the other key Resiliency Characteristics, visit BuildResiliency.org.

MARCH CHARACTERISTIC OF THE MONTH



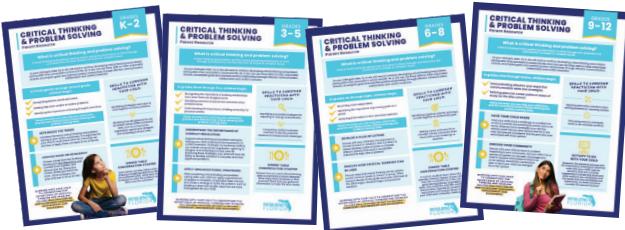
Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

Gathering information to think through and determine the best solution.

MATERIALS

PARENT RESOURCES

The Parent Resources are designed for parents and children to have conversations about resiliency at home. Download the Parent Resources for this month's characteristic, **critical thinking and problem solving**, by clicking the correct grade level below.



GRADES K-2

GRADES 3-5

GRADES 6-8

GRADES 9-12

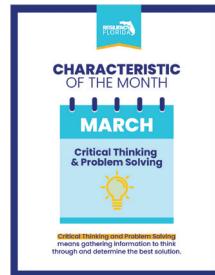
SUBSCRIBE TO THE NEWSLETTER

Parents, teachers and community leaders can subscribe to the Resiliency Florida newsletter via the button below. Arriving at the beginning of each month, the newsletter is filled with a variety of resources to support the Resiliency Florida Characteristic of the Month.

SUBSCRIBE



MARCH CLASSROOM POSTER



Resiliency Florida provides teachers with a printable poster for March's Characteristic of the Month, **critical thinking and problem solving**, which can be displayed in classrooms and media centers.

POSTER

SAMPLE NEWSLETTER POSTS

School and district leaders can use the visuals and copy below to spread the word about Resiliency and the Resiliency Florida Characteristic of the Month.

SUGGESTED POST TEXT

The Resiliency Reading List features books that help start the conversation with your children about the Resiliency Characteristics.

This month, our book spotlight is on *Who Was Amelia Earhart?* and *The Hiding Place*. Both books focus on **critical thinking and problem solving**, this month's characteristic!



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SUGGESTED POST TEXT

As children grow older, they will likely find themselves in situations where they must use **critical thinking and problem solving** to determine a solution.

Visit BuildResiliency.org to find a variety of resources that support parents, grandparents, teachers and community leaders in teaching children about these important characteristics.



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FAMILY READING GUIDES

The Family Resiliency Reading Guides are resources to continue discussions at home about the books located on the Resiliency Florida Reading List. Each Family Resiliency Reading Guide contains a summary of the book, literacy tips and conversation starters about resiliency. Use the following reading guides to start a conversation about **critical thinking** and **problem solving** with your student after reading **Who Was Amelia Earhart?** or **The Hiding Place**.



Who Was Amelia Earhart?
by Kate B. Jerome

 **READING GUIDE**



The Hiding Place
by Corrie ten Boom

 **READING GUIDE**

SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

Download the graphics below to share on social media and help spread the word about the Resiliency Florida Characteristic of the Month.

SUGGESTED POST TEXT

During the month of March, we're highlighting the Resiliency Characteristic **critical thinking** and **problem solving**. This characteristic is defined as gathering information to think through and determine the best solution.

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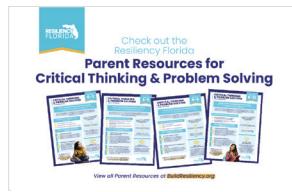


SUGGESTED POST TEXT

It's important for children to understand the importance of conflict resolution by using **critical thinking and problem solving**.

The Resiliency Florida Parent Resources provide strategies to help teach your child about resolving conflicts. Download the Parent Resource for your child's grade level today! Visit BuildResiliency.org.

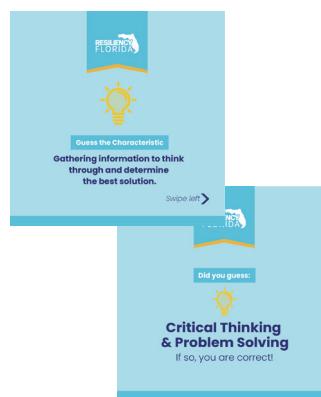
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SUGGESTED POST TEXT

Can you guess the characteristic? It can be defined as gathering information to think through and determine the best solution. Swipe to see what the correct answer is and comment below if you guessed right!

 **GRAPHIC 1**



 **GRAPHIC 2**

 **GRAPHIC 3**

SUGGESTED POST TEXT

Discuss ways that **critical thinking** can be used to pursue common goals as a team or group. When trying to decide on the goals, have your child look at the advantages, disadvantages and potential solutions.

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SUGGESTED POST TEXT

Looking for a way to start the conversation about **critical thinking** and **problem solving** with your child? The Resiliency Florida Reading List features two books that will help start the conversation about **critical thinking** and **problem solving**.

Read **Who Was Amelia Earhart?** or **The Hiding Place** from the Resiliency Florida Reading List. Discuss how the characters resolve challenges within the books. What strategies could your child use in his or her life? Visit [BuildResiliency.org/ReadingList](#) to view the full reading list and corresponding Family Reading Guides.

 **GRAPHIC 1**

 **GRAPHIC 2**

 **GRAPHIC 3**

