

"Children must be taught how to think  
not what to think."

## 1. Introduction

**Thesis statement:** In 21<sup>st</sup> century innovation and creativity is the key to success. To achieve this, children today must be taught how to think not what to think. Teaching children how to think is an onerous task however, certain strategies can be adopted in order to train children how to think.

## 2. Understanding the concept of "teaching children how to think not what to think"

## 3. Importance of Teaching children how to think

- a) Ensures the freedom of thoughts
- b) Promotes imagination, creativity and innovation.
- c) Strengthens self-belief and self-confidence
- d) Makes children aware of their social and psychological well-being.
- e) Enables children to logically agree or disagree with any doctrine.
- f) Help children to over-throw stereotypes related to gender roles and career choices.

#### 4. Hurdles in the way of teaching children how to think

- a) Outdated curriculum
- b) Lack of Practice
- c) Over-interference of politics in education
- d) Personal biases and preferences
- e) Blind conformity with group beliefs and ideas
- f) Fear of failure in case of presenting contradictory views in comparison to majority.

#### 5. Ways to train children how to think

- a) Updating ~~and~~ the curriculum
- b) Family and teachers should encourage children to ask questions.
- c) Carrying out healthy group discussions
- d) Parents and teachers should refrain from imposing their ideas and choices on children
- e) Asking open-ended questions and providing diverse perspectives on topic under discussion.
- f) Educating children to wisely use information technology.

#### 6- Conclusion.