Thinking Skills

Goal Setting  Determining direction and monitoring progress
Problem Solving  Determining a solution(s) for a problem
Decision Making  Choosing from alternatives
Observing  Using your senses to learn about something in detail
Making Connections  Connecting new information with schema
Comparing/Contrasting  Looking for similarities and differences
Sequencing  Arranging things in an order
Classifying  Grouping things by common characteristics and assigning labels
Visualizing  Creating a mental image
Predicting  Determining what will happen next
Inferring  Deriving meaning from clues, hints, evidence
Finding Evidence  Finding proof to support a given statement
Main Idea  Determining a major point or central thought
Summarizing  Restating in a simplified or condensed version
Fact and Opinion  Distinguishing between fact (that which can be proved or disproved) and opinion (a belief or judgment)
Cause and Effect  Recognizing actions and their reactions
Point of View  Determining perspectives
Analysis  Breaking into parts to determine meaning
Synthesis  Creating a new whole
Evaluation  Judging using a criteria