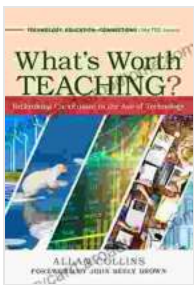


# What's Worth Teaching? A Deep Dive into the Essential Knowledge and Skills for the 21st Century

In his groundbreaking book, 'What's Worth Teaching?', Tony Wagner challenges the traditional model of education and argues for a radical shift in the way we teach our children. Wagner believes that the skills and knowledge that were once essential for success in the 20th century are no longer sufficient in the 21st century. He calls for a new curriculum that is based on the competencies that are necessary for success in the modern world, such as critical thinking, problem solving, and collaboration.



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no longer sufficient. In the second part of the book, Wagner discusses the essential knowledge and skills that he believes are necessary for success in the 21st century. He identifies seven key competencies: critical thinking, problem solving, creativity, collaboration, communication, information literacy, and media literacy. In the third part of the book, Wagner provides a roadmap for how we can transform our education system to meet the needs of the 21st century. He calls for a new curriculum that is based on the seven key competencies, and he provides a number of specific recommendations for how to implement these changes.

Wagner's book is a must-read for anyone who is concerned about the future of education. He provides a clear and compelling case for why we need to change the way we teach our children, and he offers a roadmap for how we can do it. 'What's Worth Teaching?' is a powerful and important book that has the potential to change the way we think about education.

### **The 7 Key Competencies for the 21st Century**

According to Wagner, the seven key competencies that are essential for success in the 21st century are:

1. Critical thinking
2. Problem solving
3. Creativity
4. Collaboration
5. Communication
6. Information literacy

## 7. Media literacy

These competencies are not new, but they are more important than ever in the modern world. Critical thinking, problem solving, and creativity are essential for success in any field. Collaboration and communication are essential for working effectively with others. Information literacy and media literacy are essential for navigating the vast amount of information that is available to us today.

Wagner argues that the traditional model of education does not adequately teach these competencies. He calls for a new curriculum that is based on the seven key competencies, and he provides a number of specific recommendations for how to implement these changes.

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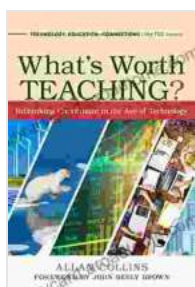
Some of Wagner's key recommendations include:

- Starting with the end in mind. When designing a new curriculum, we need to start by identifying the skills and knowledge that our students will need to succeed in the 21st century.
- Focusing on depth over breadth. We need to teach our students a few things really well, rather than trying to cover a wide range of topics superficially.

- Using active learning methods. Students learn best by doing, so we need to provide them with opportunities to practice the skills and knowledge that we are teaching them.
- Assessing student learning in authentic ways. We need to assess student learning in ways that reflect the real world, rather than relying on traditional methods such as multiple-choice tests.

Wagner's recommendations are ambitious, but they are also necessary. If we want our students to succeed in the 21st century, we need to make some fundamental changes to our education system. 'What's Worth Teaching?' provides a clear and compelling roadmap for how we can do it.

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