

Lesson 4—Characteristics of Today’s Learner

Title	Type	Audience	Description
College Readiness for All Toolbox (ACT)	Website/online tool	Educators and Guidance Counselors	The College Readiness for All Toolbox is an effective set of well-researched tools, lessons learned, resources, and documents.
What is College and Career Readiness? (Pearson)	FAQ tool/website	Teachers, Administrators, Counselors, and Mentors	Pearson applies their deep education experience and research, invests in innovative technologies, and promotes collaboration throughout the education ecosystem.
Arts and Digital Literacy Initiative (Texas Cultural Trust and UT Austin)	Website/curriculum	Educators and School District Personnel	These eight courses were developed to teach students creativity, communication, and critical thinking skills essential to success in today’s digital world.
CRAFT—College Readiness Assignments for Texas (UT Austin & THECB)	Website/curriculum resources	Administrators, Teachers, and CCR Professionals	CRAs are stand-alone lessons designed by high school and college faculty to prepare students for college and career success.
Course Module—Innovative Pedagogies: Making the Most of Retrieval Practice (Craftx)	Course Module	Teachers and CCR Professionals	This module approaches Pedagogy and Classroom Practice.
Why Project Based Learning? (BIE)	Interactive tool/website	Educators	The experience of thousands of teachers across all grade levels and subject areas, backed by research, confirms that PBL is an effective and enjoyable way to learn.
Professional Development: A 21st Century Skills Implementation Guide (P21)	PDF Guide	Educators	This implementation guide presents state leaders, policy makers, and/or district and school leaders with assessment tactics and examples to assist in statewide 21st century skills initiatives.
Teaching Critical 21st Century Skills (eSchool News)	Webpage/article	Educators	Resources to help integrate 21st century skills into your own curriculum.
21st Century Skills Y2Kare (ASVAB CEP)	Newsletter	Students	A student newsletter centering on the skills necessary to functioning in today’s knowledge-based economy.
Educator Resources (P21)	Website	Educators	P21’s reports and publications support a vision for learning to ensure 21st century readiness for every student.

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Texas Performance Standards Project (TEA & ESC Region 13)	Website	School District, CCR Professionals, and Educators	This website focuses on providing differentiated instruction to gifted/talented students, and can also be used for providing enhanced academic opportunities for all students.
Professional Development Modules (Texas College and Career Readiness Support Center)	Course Module	Teachers (9-12)	The vision of the Texas College and Career Readiness Profile Planning Guide is to deepen understanding for college and career readiness and to operationalize a college and career culture in Texas schools.
Five Characteristics of a 21st Century Educator (eSchool News)	Article	Educators	This article evaluates the skills students need to compete in a global economy.
Partnership for 21st Century Skills (P21)	Website	School District, CCR Professionals, and Educators	This website forwards the mission of bringing together the business community, education leaders, and policymakers to position 21st century readiness at the center of US K-12 education and to kick-start a national conversation on the importance of 21st century skills for all students.
MILE Guide Self-Assessment Survey (P21)	Online tool	Administrators, Advisors, and Teachers	This is a self-assessment tool that allows districts to plot where they are on the spectrum of 21 st century skills integration and chart a course for more effective integration in the future.
Study Habits and College Readiness (The Teaching Channel)	Course Module	Teachers (Grades 9-12)	The Teaching Channel is a video showcase—on the Internet and TV—of inspiring and effective teaching practices in America's schools.