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Strategic Thinking: Independent Learning Guide

The role models in the video “Strategic Thinking” discuss the importance of strategic thinking. They share their experiences, give advice, and provide guidance on problem solving and thinking about the bigger picture when making decisions.

Watch the video “[Strategic Thinking](#)” at least once. Then read each statement below. Think carefully about each question before you answer it.

- 1. Strategic thinking is a broad type of thinking where you look at the larger, overarching path.**

What advice do the role models give to help you think strategically? How might you approach a problem or begin to think about possible solutions when thinking strategically?



2. One role model told us that strategic thinking "is about thinking of options."

Think of a problem that you have or something that bothers you in your school or community.

What options can you imagine to help solve this problem? How might taking the time to think of many possible solutions help you solve the problem more effectively?

3. Listeners learned that thinking strategically means to consider how many small choices all add up to a larger decision.

What is one goal that you have for yourself in the future?

What decisions or actions that you take today will have an impact on this future goal?
How do you know?

4. **One role model told us that "to think strategically... is not only to think of the quick, easy solution, but... to think about the potential ramifications down the line."**

Thinking of your goal from Question 3, what ramifications or outcome can you imagine if you meet your goal? What if you don't meet your goal? How might meeting or not meeting this goal impact your life?

5. **Strategic thinking isn't only useful when trying to meet your own personal goals. Strategic thinking is also a very powerful tool for your future career.**

How might you use strategic thinking in your future career? What types of problems might you try to solve using this method of thinking? Why?

6. **The final bit of advice from our role models was not to "take the day for granted."**

What does it mean to take something for granted? Why do you think our last role model cautioned us not to take the day for granted? How could you apply this bit of advice to your life?
