

## **Citizenship Toolkit—developed for Service Learning at Gavilan College**

Teachers may choose to “teach to” all of these skills, or may focus more in-depth or just one or a few. Suggestions for how to teach each skill will be discussed in the workshop; they are cross-listed with Habits of Mind skills if they overlap.

--Curiosity—rather than bored passivity and disengagement, active concern about how, why, and what. (**Remaining Open to Continuous Learning** in 16 Habits of Mind)

--Commitment—taking questions or issues seriously enough to look for answers, ask for help, take the time to find out (**Persisting** in 16 Habits of Mind)

--Conversation—offering and hearing ideas in a way that leads to greater understanding of issues and other peoples’ views, even if you disagree (**Listening with Understanding and Empathy, Remaining Open to Continuous Learning, Thinking Interdependently,** and **Thinking Flexibly** in 16 Habits of Mind)

--Research skills—without solid information and good analysis, your opinion will not convince others because it is not substantiated. (**Questioning and Posing Problems, Striving for Accuracy, Thinking and Communicating with Clarity and Precision,** and **Remaining Open to Continuous Learning** in 16 Habits of Mind)

- formulate researchable questions
- find information from credible sources
- read critically and choose information that is credible
- evaluate information
- organize information
- cite information
- use information to develop arguments and themes

--Analytical skills—rather than resigning yourself to the status quo or accepting without whatever is said by others, questioning how situations develop and change, and how different approaches could improve society (**Creating, Imagining, Innovating** in 16 Habits of Mind)

--Social change skills—knowing how, when, and where to go to make social change (**Creating, Imagining, Innovating** and **Taking Responsible Risks** in 16 Habits of Mind)

--Confidence in your voice—the feeling that you are on solid ground and have the right and responsibility to speak up (**Thinking and Communicating with Clarity and Precision** and **Taking Responsible Risks** in 16 Habits of Mind)

