

# I teach my students that in the AI era, critical thinking comes first.

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**When I started teaching 25 years ago in India, classroom technology meant learning basic computer navigation. Today, as a middle school technology teacher in California, the landscape looks very different.**

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For my middle schoolers, seeing AI in action helps remove the fear of the unknown. I always remind them: AI only mirrors human design. Real power comes from our ability to reason, question, and keep our own critical thinking first.

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