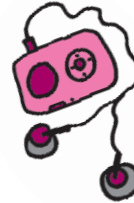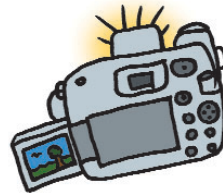# What Is Literacy

What Is Literacy?

Literacy is being able to read, write, listen, speak, view and represent while thinking critically and creatively about ideas and information. Literacy enables us to understand ourselves and the world around us, to interact with others and to share thinking.

What Is ICT?

ICT is more than just computers and keyboarding. **ICT is any Information and Communication Technology that helps us to find, process and communicate information.** ICT tools include the Internet, cell phones, global positioning systems (GPS), texting, video games, digital cameras, MP3 players, wikis, blogs and more. Some of these tools are being used today in classrooms all over Manitoba, and will be used even more in the future to support learning.

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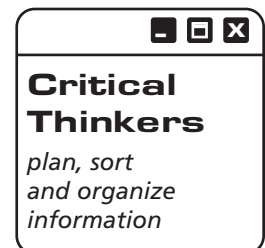
with ICT?

Literacy with ICT

Literacy with ICT consists of critical and creative thinking, ethics and responsibility and ICT literacy. *Literacy with ICT* is the ability to find, evaluate, use and share information by thinking **critically**, **creatively** and **ethically**. It is also about when, why and how to use ICT in **responsible ways**.

Literacy with ICT is like a puzzle with three pieces that fit together. All the pieces are needed to create the whole picture.

Literacy with ICT

Critical and Creative Thinking

Ethics and Responsibility

ICT Literacy

What Are Critical and Creative Thinking?

Critical thinking means developing good judgment and making smart choices. Creative thinking means being inventive, thinking innovatively and using imagination.

Why Are Ethics and Responsibility Important?

Our children are citizens of a digital world. Citizenship involves responsibilities as well as rights. Our young citizens need to learn how to use ICT in a safe and responsible way, so that they and our society won't be at risk.

What Is ICT Literacy?

ICT literacy, one component of *Literacy with ICT*, is the ability to demonstrate ICT skills such as managing electronic files and folders.

Critical Thinkers
plan, sort and organize information

Creative Thinkers
produce and share new ideas in new ways