

# HIST1010: The Skills in Unit 2

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## WHAT'S COVERED

In this lesson, you will learn how problem solving and agility connect to investigating inequalities. You will learn how critical thinking has played a role in history through the lens of the Civil Rights Movement, Women's Rights Movement and immigration policies. By using your problem solving skill and the concept of historical contextualization, you can "put yourself in another's shoes" to help you draw conclusions in everyday situations. Specifically, this lesson will cover:

1. Introduction
2. Skills in This Unit



## BEFORE YOU START

How have you used your problem solving and agility skills to overcome personal obstacles?

## 1. Introduction

In Unit 2, we'll do a deep dive into why critical thinking is essential to honing your **problem solving skill** and explore the main strategies for improving it. We'll also discuss why critical thinking is important for determining the causes of historical events and their long-term impacts, and how you can best assess evidence to draw a conclusion in your own life.

Not only do historians use problem solving to better understand the past, but leaders and innovators continue to use it today to change the course of history. Understanding how to apply critical thinking to solve problems in any personal or professional situation you encounter will help you take control of your own life to achieve the future you want!

In your professional life, you'll encounter many situations where you'll need to evaluate historical context and cause and impact before you make a decision. That might mean trying to decipher why a past business decision was ineffective, considering a patient's medical history, or looking at the professional successes in your own life so you can replicate your accomplishments in the future. Whatever the situation, your ability to step outside yourself and consider other perspectives is critical to staying agile every day and solving problems personally and professionally.

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## 2. Skills in this Unit

In this unit, we will focus on your **problem solving and agility skill**.

Skills in Unit 2	Description
Problem Solving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How being a critical thinker can help you get the most out of your sources and help you use information to build a strong argument</li> <li>• How comparing, contrasting, and corroborating historical sources will give you a better picture of the past</li> <li>• How problem solving plays a key role in history and today for immigrants, women and African Americans</li> </ul>
Agility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How agility has played a role in achieving equality</li> <li>• The role of agility in solving in civil rights struggles</li> <li>• How immigrants have used their agility skill as they pursued life in a new country</li> </ul>



#### HINT

Throughout the course, be on the lookout for various call outs to help you better see the connections between the skills and the course content, but in your personal life as well.



#### SUMMARY

In this lesson, you were **introduced** to the critical thinking process as a key component of your problem solving skill. Through Kate Clifford Larson's story, you saw the critical thinking process in action as she gathered information on Harriet Tubman in order to tell her story. You learned how the skills in this unit, problem solving and agility, are incorporated and why they are valuable in order to gather information and make informed decisions.

Best of luck in your learning!

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