

Labbo & Place (2010) talk about "building your media literacy toolkit" (p. 14) and list several great resources to get your started. I would like to add some resources to that toolkit!

Before implementing or integrating any technology into the curriculum or classroom, ask these questions:

1. To what problem is the technology the solution?
2. Is the activity text or content based?
3. Can the lesson/activity be done better without technology?
4. Will the technology support engagement with the curriculum/activity/lesson?
5. Does the activity require critical thinking?
6. Does the activity require collaboration?

These questions will help you solidify the need for technology; to make sure you are not allowing the technology to "drive" the curriculum/lesson or activity.

To add to the resources, here are three sites that have made a large difference in my consulting work with in-service teachers and administrators:

7. Partnership for 21st Century Skills: Resources - <http://www.p21.org/tools-and-resources#NewPubs> (also check out the entire site – while most states are going with CCS; some have already adopted the P21 framework. I have collaborated with P21 for over three years and their research and resources are wonderful for teachers, administrators, parents, and students).
8. Thinkfinity: Verizon Foundation - <http://www.thinkfinity.org/21st-century-skills>
9. Technology Integration Matrix from Florida Center for Instructional Technology: Resources - <http://fcit.usf.edu/matrix/resources.php> (also look through the entire site; wonderful project that has quite a few years under its belt).