

# THE RESILIENCE READER

CHAPTER 9: PROBLEM SOLVING

Competency: Mental Agility



### **Examples of Problems**

Fighting with a friend

Getting in trouble at home

Bad grade in Math

Didn't make the starting team

What are some of your problems?

### **EVERYDAY PROBLEMS**

& HOW TO SOLVE THEM

6 STEPS PROCESS

Step 1: What is the problem?

Describe Who, what, when, where, why

Step 2: Why is the problem happening?
What are the HOTM thoughts on the causes?

Chart those thoughts on a pie chart

Step 3: What did you miss?

Ask critical questions to come up with more evidence as to what that may be causing or contributing.

Step 4: What is the evidence?

Fight Confirmation Bias

Find evidence for and against the causes

Step 5: What is the real cause?
Use the EVIDENCE from step 4 to determine the

actual causes

Step 6: What can you do about it?

Strategies for solving the problem

## RESILIENCE REFLECTION

#### PROBLEM SOLVING

Pick one problem you would like to work on and list it here:

- Describe the problem Describe Who, what, when, where
  - Why is the problem happening?

    List your HOTM thoughts on the causes
    Chart the HOTM thoughts on a pie chart

Ask critical questions to come up with other things that may be causing or contributing to the problem.

- Fight Confirmation Bias find evidence

  What is the evidence? for and against the causes
- What is the real cause?

  Use the EVIDENCE from step 4 to determine the actual causes

  What can you do about it?

  Strategies for solving the problem