What is Critical Pedagogy?

**Critical** = important

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**Critical** = critique, criticism

Social justice aims
In the Classroom

Critique means we raise questions that aren’t always comfortable, that not only value students’ opinions and experiences, but that challenge them as well.

Example: first year seminar and ideology

• Disability

• Benevolent sexism

• In both cases, challenged what we consider to be “good” or “appropriate,” linked personal feelings and behavior to larger issues like ableism and sexism
Outside of the Classroom

What can critical pedagogy do when students aren’t in the room?
In the Academy

Let’s not be afraid to critique what we love.
References
