

# CRITICAL THINKING PIVOT

*Use the following critical thinking questions to help foster an open, student-led discussion on the theme(s) discussed in this episode of The Harbor.*

1. **MIKE STATES THAT HE CAN PIVOT QUICKLY AND SUCCESSFULLY BECAUSE HE UNDERSTANDS WHERE HE'S GOING AND WHAT HE CARES ABOUT, BUT ABOVE ALL ELSE, HE KNOWS HIS "WHY".**

If you had to guess, what do you think Mike's "why" is? Do you think it's more intricate or simple? Explain your reasoning.

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2. **ONE TIP MIKE GIVES TO HELP YOU FIND YOUR "WHY" IS TO FIND OUT WHAT GIVES YOU ENERGY.**

What's something that gives you energy? Conversely, what's something that drains your energy?

How might knowing these answers help you determine your "why", and moreover, know how and when to pivot?

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3. **THINK BACK TO A TIME IN YOUR LIFE WHEN THINGS DIDN'T GO AS PLANNED AND YOU HAD TO PIVOT OR CHANGE DIRECTIONS.**

Briefly summarize the situation. What factors did you consider as you changed directions?

Did you consider your "why" while you made your decisions?

What was the most valuable lesson you learned as a result of this experience?

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4. **CITING THAT THE AVERAGE AMERICAN CHANGES JOBS ALMOST SEVEN TIMES THROUGHOUT THEIR LIFE, MIKE SAYS THAT IT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND YOUR "WHY" THAN IT IS TO KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP.**

Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?

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5. **WHEN LIFE DOESN'T GO AS PLANNED, YOU MAY HAVE TO PIVOT ON A MOMENT'S NOTICE.**

If you lost your job and had to pivot like Mike did, who would you "talk it out" with?

Would these people be able to help you determine if your new direction is consistent with your "why"?

If not, who else in your life might be better to talk to?

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