

**THE CRITICAL THINKING COMPANY™ ANNOUNCES  
SCIENCE DETECTIVE® A1**

**Seaside, California (May 2, 2008)** – The Critical Thinking Company, award-winning publisher of complete curriculum and supplemental educational books, software and DVDs for all ages, announces the release of *Science Detective A1*, the second book in the *Science Detective* series aimed at grades 5-6.

*Science Detective A1* uses topics and skills drawn from national science standards to prepare students for more advanced science courses and new assessments that measure science standards, reasoning, and critical reading. The *Science Detective* series is designed for use as a complete science curriculum within grade range, or as a supplemental resource.

Students read lessons that include a variety of charts, tables, and graphs. Then, they answer critical thinking questions to improve their understanding of the science concepts and develop their reading comprehension, and inferential and deductive thinking skills. Students must carefully analyze and synthesize the information from the text and the charts, tables, and graphs to explain and support their answers.

With its release, *Science Detective A1* joins the *Science Detective* family of products that includes *Science Detective Beginning*, designed for Grades 3-4, available in either a book format or a software version. The software version of *Science Detective A1* is currently being developed and will be available fall 2008.

**Pricing and Availability**

The retail price of the *Science Detective A1* book is \$18.99. The book is now available and can be purchased at over 1800 specialty teacher and home-schooling retail stores, by calling 1-800-458-4849 or by visiting [www.criticalthinking.com/ScienceDetective](http://www.criticalthinking.com/ScienceDetective). Sample pages and table of contents are available online.

President, Michael Baker said, “Science is a wonderful content area, when it comes to eliciting critical thinking skills. *Science Detective A1* provides parents and teachers with a tool that focuses on science concepts, while providing an excellent critical reading and reasoning platform.”

This series is one of many new titles that will be released by the Critical Thinking Company in 2008, its 50th Anniversary year. For a complete list of new products, visit [www.criticalthinking.com/NewProducts](http://www.criticalthinking.com/NewProducts).

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**About The Critical Thinking Company**

Since 1958, The Critical Thinking Company has been a recognized leader in teaching critical thinking skills. The company offers fun, easy-to-use products that develop a wide-range of thinking skills and improve standards-based learning in reading, writing, math, science, and history. The company's award-winning books and software empower students with the problem-solving skills needed for success in school and in life. The Critical Thinking Company supplies educational materials to Sylvan Learning Centers, Club Z In-Home Tutoring, leading U.S. public high schools, and gifted & talented programs throughout the world. The Critical Thinking Company guarantees better grades and higher test scores, or your money back.

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