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Professional Development Resources for
K-12 Library Media and Technology Specialists

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Assessing Critical Skills

Jon Mueller

Teach the standards and improve students' critical skills and performance:

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Bonnie Mackey and Jennifer Mackey Stewart

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Joyce Needham

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Includes CD

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