

Courageous

Why Media Literacy Matters

A collection of resources for exploring the importance of media literacy with your students, extending the theme of Lesson 1 which explores how disinformation and hoaxes can be productively countered through media literacy and active listening.

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What Is Media Literacy and Why Does It Matter?

[Introduction to Media Literacy: Crash Course Media Literacy #1](#)

A 10-minute video introduction to media literacy. It defines media literacy and its importance in today's world. After watching the video, students can discuss their one big takeaway.

Critical Analysis

[Media Literacy Tips](#)

This 2.5-minute PBL Learning Media video provides tips for critically analyzing online news. After the video, ask students to find an online news article and evaluate it using the tips they just learned.

Online Hoaxes

[Snopes.com](#)

Introduce your students to Snopes.com, an engaging site that fact-checks internet hoaxes. Find a current internet hoax and challenge students to use Snopes to evaluate it.

Listening Matters

[10 Ways to Have a Better Conversation](#)

In this 10-minute TED Talk, journalist Celeste Headlee shares 10 tips on how to have a meaningful, interesting, and productive conversation. She emphasizes listening as the most essential conversation skill.

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What Is Media Literacy and Why Does It Matter?

[Should Media Literacy Be a Required Course in School?](#)

A New York Times Learning Network activity that pairs a student opinion piece with engaging reflection questions that ask students to evaluate the importance of media literacy.

Critical Analysis

[Media Literacy: Tobacco, Advertising, and Cancer](#)

A series of 3 short videos that examine the power of media in influencing our beliefs and perceptions. Show the videos and then ask students to discuss current examples of how media is influencing the attitudes and habits of consumers.

Online Hoaxes

[Worries Grow That TikTok Is New Home for Manipulated Video and Photos](#)

Read this New York Times article with your students. Then discuss "What does fact-checking look like on a platform like this?" and "How do you think fact-checking will change with advances in AI?"

Listening Matters

[Let's Talk! Facilitating Critical Conversations with Students](#)

This educator resource from Learning for Justice is a must-read before engaging in courageous conversations with students about what they see in the media. The "Structure the Conversation" section (pp. 28-31) offers strategies for fostering active listening.

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What Is Media Literacy and Why Does It Matter?

[Understanding Media & Information Literacy: An Orientation](#)

A UNAOC unit that defines and explores the importance of media literacy. It includes a plethora of engaging learning activities and discussion prompts.

Critical Analysis

[Finding Credible News](#)

This Common Sense Media lesson explores the reasons some people and organizations post fake news, presents criteria for spotting fake news, and allows students to practice evaluating the credibility of online media.

Online Hoaxes

[Hoaxes and Fakes](#)

This Common Sense Media lesson focuses on using the lateral reading strategy to identify online hoaxes. Students then practice using the strategy to evaluate videos.

Listening Matters

[The Power of Active Listening](#)

This lesson plan developed by StoryCorps introduces the key elements of active listening and gives students opportunities to evaluate and practice active listening.

Courageous RI

Preventing Violent Extremism

A collection of resources for supporting educators looking to explore additional ways to teach about the intersection of violent extremism, media literacy, and kindness. Resources can be used before teaching the Courageous RI lesson plan to develop background knowledge or after to extend and enrich Lesson 2 objectives.

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Radicalization & Violent Extremism

More Than A Dot on The Board: Alt-Right Radicalization and Media Education in Schools

Use this article written by a Kentucky teen to start a conversation with your students about how effective and relevant media literacy education should look when polarization and radicalization are happening via social media memes.

What Is an Echo Chamber?

Echo chambers limit access to a variety of perspectives and opinions which can contribute to radicalization. Use this video to help students understand how to avoid echo chambers.

The Miseducation of Dylan Roof

This video explores how Google algorithms contributed to Dylan Roof's radicalization and deadly hate crime. Use it to introduce the connection between algorithms and online hate.

Responding with Kindness

Kindness Boomerang Video

A 5-minute video that can be used to illustrate the power of kindness.

Random Acts of Kindness Foundation Minilessons

Use this resource to establish or reinforce a culture of kindness in your classroom. The mini-lessons can be used to infuse kindness practices and reflections into your class on a regular basis.

Literature Connection



Some Kind of Hate by [Sarah Darer Littman](#) explores how a star athlete is radicalized online after an accident that threatens his baseball career and how his community responds. This [Educator Guide](#) includes everything you need to teach this book in your class -- essential questions, journal prompts, Socratic seminar plans, and a host of interdisciplinary activities.

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Radicalization & Violent Extremism

Extreme Measures Toolkit

An Anti-Defamation League publication that provides tips for educators on how to support students in resisting extremist recruitment including a section on how to resist online hate.

Educate Against Hate Early Stories

A collection of three 5-minute videos with accompanying PPTs and lesson plans. Each video is based on real-life stories of young people whose lives have been affected by radicalization.

My Descent into America's Neo-Nazi Movement— and How I Got Out

In this 20-minute TED Talk, Christian Picciolini explains how he was radicalized by Neo-Nazis at 14 and how connecting with others was key to his de-radicalization. This TED Ed resource includes discussion questions for facilitating a conversation in your class.

Responding with Kindness

Empathy Is Not an Endorsement

Use this video that explores how a digital creator responds to online hate with empathy and kindness as a class conversation starter.

Kindness: A Lesson Plan

This Edutopia article includes a variety of activities that can be adapted for any grade level and incorporated into your classroom practice to build a culture of kindness.

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Radicalization & Violent Extremism

A Teacher's Guide on the Prevention of Violent Extremism

This UNESCO publication includes both an introduction to violent extremism and its intersection with media and suggestions for how to facilitate conversations with students about this topic.

Extremism in America

This two-part Retro Report lesson asks students to engage in the inquiry process as they ask questions about extremism, deepen their knowledge of extremism in the United States, and evaluate the effectiveness of different approaches to reducing violent extremism.

Learning for Justice Webinars

Check out these 60-minute on-demand webinars on [Combating Youth Radicalization](#) and [Media Literacy & Other Tools for Combating Extremism](#)

Responding with Kindness

Random Acts of Kindness Foundation Curriculum

These [High School](#) and [Middle School](#) curriculums include units on respect, caring, inclusiveness, integrity, responsibility, and courage. You can teach the entire curriculum or pick and choose the lessons that work best for your class.

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High Conflict



**Educator
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A collection of additional resources for exploring topics related to High Conflict with your students. Resources can be used before teaching the Courageous RI lesson plan to develop background knowledge or after to extend and enrich Lesson 3 learning objectives.

High Conflict in Education *The resources in this section explore high-impact conflict in schools. These informational articles are recommended for faculty reading and reflection. They are not student-facing resources.*

Masks. Vaccines. Anti-Racism. Expert Advice for Schools Caught Up in Conflict

In this Education Week opinion piece, Amanda Ripley reflects on how her research on high conflict applies to schools. She succinctly suggests how to avoid fire starters, investigate the understory, and build rapport in order to avoid high conflict and set the stage for the good conflict that leads to growth.

High Conflict in Education: Chaos, Attrition, and Fear with Guest Sandra Just

This 36-minute episode of the "It's All Your Fault" podcast explores high conflict between parents, teachers, school boards, and unions associated with topics like mask mandates, vaccinations, gender issues, parent rights, and more. It offers suggestions for supporting educators as they navigate high conflict situations and relationships.

Conflict Resolution *These lesson plans can be used to give students additional practice with conflict resolution in a variety of settings - in school, at home, and online.*

Overcoming Obstacles

Overcoming Obstacles is an award-winning online life skills curriculum for K-12 students. The elementary, middle, and high school curriculums each include units on conflict resolution. All lessons progress from skill introduction to explanation to practice to reflection. The Middle School Conflict Resolution Unit includes lessons on understanding conflicts, identifying emotions, controlling emotions, using communication skills effectively, creating win-win situations, and resolving conflicts. The High School unit introduces conflict resolution and explores how to manage anger during conflict.

Kid's Health in the Classroom: Conflict Resolution

This lesson plan is part of the Personal Health Series. In addition to providing an introductory lesson about managing emotions and navigating disagreements, it lists a variety of links to Kid's Health articles related to conflict for teens.

Looping / Active Listening *Productively navigating conflict requires us to truly listen which is not always easy. These resources give students additional practice with critical listening skills.*

Peace Building Toolkit

The United States Institute of Peace Peacebuilding Toolkit for Educators supports teachers working to introduce students to global conflict and strategies for promoting peace. It includes High School and Middle School versions in English, Spanish, French, and Arabic. Lessons on Active Listening are included in both the High School and Middle School toolkits.

StoryCorps Lesson: The Power of Active Listening

StoryCorps believes in the transformative power of conversation and storytelling. They understand that in order to truly connect with others we must listen to what they say. This lesson introduces students to the power of listening as they practice active listening skills and reflect on what it feels like when someone really listens to what you are saying.

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Conflict Entrepreneurs



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A collection of resources for building background knowledge before teaching the Conflict Entrepreneurs lesson plan. A basic understanding of the attention economy and social media algorithms will help students contextualize the concepts explored in Lesson 4.1.

Social Media Algorithms *The resources in this section introduce students to how algorithms are used to keep users on the platforms and limit access to a variety of perspectives and opinions.*

Crash Course: Navigating Digital Information #10

The final episode of the Crash Course Navigating Digital Information video focuses on how social media influences thoughts and shapes behaviors. A portion of the video looks at how algorithms determine what information we see on social media platforms.

iCivics: Minilesson - Algorithms and You

This lesson is a succinct introduction to algorithms and how they impact what users encounter on social media. It examines the intentional and unintentional outcomes of algorithms on those who engage with social media.

Common Sense Media: Do Algorithms Influence Our Lives and Our Democracy?

Choose from 3 lessons that examine the interplay of algorithms and democracy: How Much Do Social Media Algorithms Control You, Understanding Algorithms, and Engineering Algorithms.

PBS Learning Media: How Social Media Algorithms Create Echo Chambers

This 5-minute video dives into the connection between algorithms and echo chambers. Following the video, students can discuss

The Attention Economy *The resources in this section introduce the concept of the attention economy and ask students to consider the implications of their attention being a commodity for media companies and others.*

RSA Video: Is Our Attention for Sale?

This brief video is an excellent introduction to the attention economy. Share with students and have them debate whether the consolidation of the attention economy to a small number of companies requires action on the part of media consumers.

Learning for Justice Lesson Plan: You Are the Product

In this lesson, students delve into the economics of social media, the power dynamics behind going viral and how social media companies consider users as products.

iCivics Minilesson: Monetization

This minilesson explores the attention economy in the world of news media. Students consider how the relationship between news and profit impacts the information the public receives and how it is presented.

Video: Advertising is Destroying Everything

In this engaging 17-minute TEDx Talk, a former social media strategist asks viewers to consider the costs of the attention economy.

Conflict Entrepreneurs *The resources in this section can be used to supplement the discussions about conflict entrepreneurship in Lesson 4.1.*

CNN Video: Author Explains How We Are All Capable of Being Conflict Entrepreneurs

This video provides a non-partisan reflection on conflict entrepreneurship by considering how everyone has the potential to engage in and promote high conflict.

The Tennessean: Social Media Makes a Killing Selling Conflict

After reading this opinion piece, students can debate whether or not they agree with the author's argument that social media incentivizes power, greed, and corruption while reducing freedom of choice.

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The Influencers



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A collection of resources provide additional information on rhetoric, social media influencers, and the dissemination of hateful rhetoric online. Lesson 6 explores the question of how people decide who and what to trust, looking at different ways people establish their credibility.

Rhetoric

Use these resources to take a deeper dive into how rhetoric works and the power of persuasion online.

A Zombie Apocalypse: An Introduction to Rhetoric

Use this lesson plan before teaching Courageous RI Lesson 6.1 if your students are new to rhetorical analysis. The lesson uses the engaging and entertaining scenario of a zombie apocalypse to introduce rhetorical strategies.

GCF Global: Digital Media Literacy - Recognizing Persuasive Language

This 3-minute video illustrates how persuasive language aims to win trust and influence thought through strategies such as storytelling, presenting evidence, attacking opponents, flattery, and inclusive language.

USA Today: Media Literacy Student Guide

The first lesson in this guide, "The Power of Persuasion," teaches students how to identify persuasive language and differentiate between positive and negative rhetoric. To make the activities more relevant to students, we recommend using social media feeds rather than newspapers for Activities 2 and 3.

PBS Western Reserve: Change My Mind

A collection of 5 short videos that teach students how to identify and use common persuasive techniques. The videos address the following strategies: appeal to emotion, appeal to logic, appeal to authority, loaded language, and bandwagon.

Influencers

Influencers are everywhere on social media. Use these resources to learn more about who they are and how they use their power.

Fun and Interactive Social Media Influencers Class Activity

Introduce students to the power of social media influencers using this activity created by Dr. Matthew J. Kushin, author of *Teach Social Media: A Plan for Creating a Course Your Students Will Love*.

KQED: Colorways, Hypebeasts, and Influencers: Bay Area Teens Talk Sneakerhead Culture

Before looking at the darker side of social media influencers, consider listening to this podcast with students. After listening to the podcast, lead a class discussion on the power of social media influencers.

Above the Noise: Can You Trust Influencers on YouTube?

While this 10-minute video focuses on influencers promoting products on social media, it does a good job illustrating how an influencer's power lies in their authenticity and authority.

Influence and Hate

While not all influencers spread hate, it is important to be aware of how some influencers use social media platforms to disseminate hateful messages which can lead to violence.

Influence, Celebrity, and the Dangers of Online Hate

This Facing History and Ourselves lesson includes 3 activities that engage students in considering what gives influencers power, who is responsible for opposing online hate, and how they can stand up to online hate.

Media Smarts: Impact of Online Hate

This article concisely explains how online hate propagated by influencers can harm, radicalize, and create hostile online environments.

How Andrew Tate Gains Influence Through His Media Literacy

This article provides an interesting analysis of how Andrew Tate uses his media literacy skills to establish his brand and spread his messages to a wide audience. Teachers can use it to develop their own understanding of influencer power or as a prompt for class discussions.

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Feelings and Facts



A collection of supplemental resources for Lesson 5, which emphasizes the power of stories, characters, and conflicts to influence people's knowledge and attitudes. Use these resources to address conspiracy theories that students bring up in class and extend exploration of conspiracy theories by helping students become more critical of the stories they encounter online and in the media.

Conspiracy Theory Lesson Plans

Common Sense Media: Why Are Conspiracy Theories So Appealing?

A 3-part lesson series that includes a video exploring the popularity of conspiracy theories, a meme-based activity, and a debunking conspiracy theories project.

Checkology: Conspiratorial Thinking

This advanced lesson offers a deeper dive into the cognitive biases involved in conspiratorial thinking and the human needs that conspiracy theories meet.

PBS: Debunking Denver Airport Conspiracy Theories

This lesson plan requires students to practice debunking a widespread conspiracy theory.

Conspiracy Theories: From JFK's Assassination to Today

A 12-minute video that examines conspiracy theories across the years. Use the included questions to guide a class discussion on the connection between conspiracy theories and the erosion of trust in government.

PBS: Lesson Plan - An Experiment in Misinformation

This engaging lesson introduces students to the concept of "post-truth" as they examine a satirical conspiracy theory.

Thinking Is Power: Designing and Defending Your Own Conspiracy Theory

This activity puts students in the driver's seat as they create and defend a conspiracy theory.

Fact Checking Lesson Plans

News Literacy Project: Fact Check It

This lesson teaches four digital verification skills: critical observation, reverse image search, geolocation, and lateral reading.

Facing History and Ourselves: How to Read the News Like a Fact Checker

This lesson focuses on using the lateral reading strategy to verify online information.

PBS: Lesson Plan - How to Fact-Check the "Fact" Pages on Instagram

In this lesson, students learn how to evaluate popular Instagram posts that feature the word "FACT" followed by a claim.

Crash Course: The Facts About Fact Checking

This entertaining 14-minute video teaches students to fact-check like the pros.

Conspiracy Theory Teacher Resources

Addressing Conspiracy Theories: What Teachers Need to Know

In addition to providing a wealth of information on why people believe conspiracy theories, the damage done by conspiracy theories, and how to identify conspiracy theories, this UNESCO resource gives educators tips on how to address conspiracy theories when they arise in classroom discussions.

Conspiracy Theories in the Classroom: How to Deal with These Issues as a Teacher

This resource created by the Anne Frank House offers practical guidance for teachers who work with teens. The tips in this publication combine conspiracy theory research with best practices for working with adolescents. Each section includes suggested classroom activities.

KQED: A Conspiracy Video Teaches Kids a Lesson About Fake News

This KQED article explores how an investigative journalist used a conspiracy theory video that he created to teach students across France about how to identify online disinformation.

Fact Checking Sites

Fact Check

This non-partisan site monitors the accuracy of political claims in speeches, debates, advertisements, and press releases.

Truth or Fiction

A non-partisan site with information about hoaxes, conspiracy theories, misinformation, and disinformation. Its design allows users to easily check the accuracy of the most widely spread stories on social media.

Snopes

A popular fact-checking site that links to sources so users can use their own critical thinking skills to decide what they choose to believe.

Checkology: Check Center

The Check Center tool allows users to check the credibility of images, videos, and texts.

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Targets of Propaganda



A collection of additional resources for exploring propaganda with your students. Lesson 8 introduces the key features of propaganda and how it taps into people's deepest hopes, fears, and dreams, in ways that can be either beneficial or harmful.

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What Is Propaganda?

[Here's Your Handy Dandy Propaganda Detector](#)

While this Poynter article was published in 2008, it provides a succinct definition of propaganda and descriptions of 7 propaganda devices that stand the test of time. Teachers can read the article for a quick refresher and excellent examples of how propaganda is used in politics or share it with students to prompt a discussion about propaganda in politics.

Why Propaganda Matters

[The Darker Side of Media: Crash Course Media Literacy #10](#)

This 10-minute Crash Course video differentiates between propaganda, disinformation, and misinformation. It explores how media-literate citizens can be on the lookout for all three in order to slow or stop the spread of dis- and mis- information. After watching the video with students, have a discussion about the similarities and differences between propaganda, misinformation, and disinformation and the consequences of all three.

What You Can Do

[7 Ways to Avoid Becoming a Misinformtaion Superspreader](#)

This brief TedED article offers 7 tips for how students can avoid contributing to the spread of misinformation online. Consider pairing this article with an example of online propaganda rooted in misinformation and ask students to discuss which of the 7 tips they would find most helpful when trying to decide whether or not to share the post.

If you have



What Is Propaganda?

[How Propaganda Works](#)

Disinformation Nation created this resource which includes a creative 1-minute video that introduces propaganda techniques. The webpage also includes short passages that address high-interest questions like "Is propaganda good or evil?" and "Is propaganda illegal?" All information is presented in a highly engaging way. There is even a quiz students can take to see which propaganda technique they are most likely to fall for.

Why Propaganda Matters

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The second section of the highly-engaging Disinformation Nation propaganda resource includes a 1-minute video along with several short passages that ask students to consider how propaganda impacts decision-making and has financial, political, and public health consequences. After students review the video and passages, ask them to discuss times in their lives that propaganda has had either a positive or a negative consequence.

What You Can Do

[How You Can Combat Propaganda](#)

The final section of the Disinformation Nation propaganda resource introduces three strategies students can use to respond to propaganda. Give students time to complete the "Find Your 5" activity so that they will have a list of trusted resources at their fingertips at all times.

If you have



What Is Propaganda?

[Propaganda: What's the Message](#)

This lesson plan from iCivics explores the 7 forms of propaganda and engages students in critical thinking as they participate in a gallery walk to analyze the effectiveness of different propaganda techniques. Teachers can opt to update the images used in the gallery walk to reflect current politics and pop culture.

Why Propaganda Matters

[How to Fight Truth Decay Through Media Literacy](#)

This PBS News Hour lesson plan asks students to critically examine Russian propaganda used during the 2022 invasion of Ukraine. It provides a contemporary example of the power of propaganda to influence outcomes. The lesson also includes an optional activity that teaches students how to use geolocation to verify the information they encounter online.

What You Can Do

[Mind Over Media: Talking Back to Propaganda](#)

Students synthesize their knowledge of propaganda techniques, current events, and critical literacy in this multimedia activity. After selecting an example of propaganda, students analyze it and produce a short video commentary that demonstrates their ability to effectively respond to propaganda.

Courageous RI

Free Speech, Hate Speech & Censorship

A collection of resources for exploring free speech, hate speech, and censorship with your students, building on Lesson 7 which examines how digital technologies are reshaping people's ideas about the scope and limitations of freedom of expression.

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Free Speech

Defining Free Speech: Why It Matters

This short video from PBS Learning Media explores the history of free speech and its impact on our world today. It suggests that balancing free speech with community building is the challenge facing this generation.

Hate Speech

Online Hate and Free Speech

This informational resource from Media Smarts examines the worldview of online hate speech and free speech. Additionally, it explores the tension between freedom of speech and freedom from discrimination in the classroom. A brief video featuring Richard Weissbourd from Making Caring Common offers suggestions for how teachers can help students navigate challenging conversations while respecting both freedoms.

Supreme Court narrowly protects student free speech online

This blog post from the National Constitution Center summarizes a 2021 ruling that "a public school student's off-campus Snapchat rant was protected free speech." The post works well as a prompt for class discussion or debate.

Censorship

Americans and 'Cancel Culture': Where Some See Calls for Accountability, Others See Censorship, Punishment

This Pew Research Center article provides a data-based overview of how Americans define cancel culture and how they feel about it.

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Free Speech

Freedom of Speech: Crash Course Government and Politics #25

This short video explains the basics of our First Amendment Right to Free Speech. The video also addresses what is and is not protected by free speech and examines the contentious topic of hate speech.

Hate Speech

Understanding Hate Speech

This collection of articles and videos published by the United Nations includes: "What Is Hate Speech?", "Hate Speech vs Freedom of Speech", and "Hate Speech and Real Harm."

When Online Hate Speech Has Real World Consequences

In a series of 3-short activities by Facing History and Ourselves, students examine the interplay of online hate speech and celebrity influence.

Countering Online Hate Speech

This short video and these accompanying reflection questions can be used to guide students through the options they have when they encounter hate speech online. The proposed class activity gives students the opportunity to practice the strategies taught in the video.

Censorship

"What Students Are Saying about Cancel Culture, Friendly Celebrity Battles and Finding Escape"

This article from the New York Times provides insight into how some teens feel about cancel culture. Reflections could be used as discussion prompts for a conversation on cancel culture.

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Free Speech

Freedom of Speech? A Lesson on Understanding the Protections and Limitations of the First Amendment

This lesson plan created by The National Constitution Center and the New York Times asks students to consider their own beliefs about free speech and explore currently accepted Constitutional speech rights.

Hate Speech

Responding to Online Hate Speech

This Common Sense Education lesson plan asks students to identify feelings activated by online hate speech and practice responding to hate speech using a variety of strategies.

Countering Hate Speech Online This Common Sense Education lesson plan investigates the relationship between hate speech and xenophobia. Students also examine the role of the internet in spreading and combatting hate speech.

Hate Culture, the Internet, and What Can We Do?

In this Project Look Sharp lesson, students use critical thinking skills to analyze social media's impact on hate ideology and discuss how they can respond to hate speech.

Censorship

What Is Cancel Culture, and Does It Change Things for the Better?

This set of lesson plans from Common Sense Education engages students in critical thinking about the impacts of cancel culture and explores strategies for navigating conflict including "calling in."

Courageous Falling Down the Rabbit Hole

These educator resources supplement Lesson 9, which helps students understand how people get trapped in networks of disinformation, propaganda, and hate. Learn how you can disrupt the process and be a guiding light towards a more positive pathway.

ACTIVE LISTENING

StoryCorps: The Power of Active Listening

In this lesson, students observe and analyze active listening in action and have the opportunity to engage in several active listening exercises.

Active Listening: Using Times Videos, Podcasts, and Articles to Practice a Key Skill

Students practice active listening as they listen to "The Daily" podcast, watch a New York Times YouTube Channel video, and listen to their teacher read a Times essay.

United States Institute of Peace: What Is Active Listening?

In this lesson, students develop an understanding of how active listening is an effective strategy for diffusing conflict.

Overcoming Obstacles: Lesson 2 - Listening

Special attention is given to verbal and non-verbal active listening signals in this activity-filled lesson plan.

KINDNESS MATTERS

The Kindness Factory Kindness Curriculum

This free, online curriculum includes a plethora of activities for students of all ages. Lessons are designed to get students talking about kindness and taking action to make their school a kinder place. All lessons are aligned with the CASEL competencies.

Kindness in the Classroom Curriculum

The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation developed this free, online curriculum with the goal of making kindness the norm. It includes lessons for students in all grades and free training materials.

Choose Love for Schools

Choose Love for Schools is a Social Emotional Learning curriculum that focuses on 4 key elements: courage, forgiveness, gratitude, and compassion in action. Free, online lessons for all grade levels engage students in developmentally appropriate discussions and activities.

MEDIA LITERACY

Common Sense Media Digital Citizenship Curriculum

This K-12 curriculum includes lessons on media balance, privacy, digital identity, communication, cyberbullying, and news & media literacy.

NewseumED

NewseumED.org lessons and resources focus on helping to develop the media literacy skills essential to civic life.

PBS Learning News & Media Literacy Collection

A collection of lessons, videos, articles, and documents on fake news, fact-checking, and navigating the web.

Media Education Lab

The Media Education Lab website includes links to media literacy-related publications, teaching resources, and events.

Crash Course Navigating Digital Information

A 10-video series designed to help teens navigate and evaluate online information.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SUPPORT

Edutopia: 10 Powerful Community-Building Ideas

This article lists activities (some that take as little as 5 minutes) that can be done with K-12 students to create a sense of belonging.

ASCD: Creating a School Community

This article makes an argument for building a strong sense of community in schools and provides several different approaches for community building.

CASEL: Community Building

The Collaboration for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning created this document that describes the 4 key components of a caring classroom and offers suggestions for fostering community.

Facing History and Ourselves: Back to School: Building Community for Connection and Learning

Looking for ways to build community at the start of the year or semester? This toolkit includes professional learning articles, classroom routines, and activities.