Constructivist Media Decoding (CMD) for Art & Media Studies 6-12

THIS APPROACH is inquiry-based, student-centered, curriculum-driven, and AND teaches core subject area standards. This kit gives you the resources and steps you need to begin integrating Constructivist Media Decoding (CMD) into your work with students.

WATCH:
- Constructivist Media Decoding - Why and How? (2 min.)
- The Impact of CMD - Student Voices (1 min.)
- Project Look Sharp Free Resources for CMD (2 min.)
- Watch a Short CMD Demonstration Video

STEP 1: Brainstorm upcoming CMD opportunities
- What content will my students be learning?
- What media can target my curricular goals and be engaging for all my students?
- What background knowledge do your students need for the decoding?
- Will your media documents be accessible to all students?

STEP 2: Review Tips for Decoding
- Preparing for a decoding
- Leading a decoding
- Caution

STEP 3: Select a Lesson
- Search Project Look Sharp’s website, e.g., Art and Media Studies 6-12
- To narrow your search, add a keyword or filter by subject, media type, duration, etc.

STEP 4: Plan Your Lesson
- What are your objectives?
- What questions can you ask students to meet your lesson’s objectives?
- What follow-up questions will help them teach each other?
- What background knowledge do your students need to decode the media?
- Will your media documents be accessible to all students?

STEP 5: Teach Your Media Decoding Lesson!
- After the lesson, REFLECT: What was successful? What was challenging? Use the Self-evaluation Checklist

Find more CMD lessons at Look Sharp or use our DIY guide to create your own.