Constructivist Media Decoding (CMD)

STARTER KIT

for Civics & Government 6-12

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WHAT IS CMD?

HOW TO GET STARTED?

WHY CMD?

LEAD A CMD

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BRAINSTORM UPCOMING CMD OPPORTUNITIES

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What follow-up questions will deepen student thinking?

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Teach Your Media Decoding Lesson!

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What was challenging?

Use the Reflection Checklist

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- develop habits of questioning
- build student agency
- engage all students

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What media can target my curricular goals and be engaging for all my students?

What content and media literacy questions should I ask?

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