CONSTRUCTIVIST MEDIA DECODING (CMD) is an inquiry-based teaching method where ALL students at all levels develop habits of critical thinking, builds student agency, and enquires all students.

This kit gives you the resources and steps you need to begin integrating Constructivist Media Decoding (CMD) into your work with students.

WATCH:
- What is Media, Media literacy and CMD? (5 min)
- Why School System: The Media Literacy Scan (2 min)
- James Look Sharp’s 6-12 plan (2 min)
- Watch a short CMD demonstration video

STEP 1: Brainstorm upcoming CMD opportunities
- What content will my students be learning?
- What content and media can target my curricular goals and be engaging for all my students?
- What media can target my curricular goals and be engaging for all my students?

STEP 2: Review the CMD Guide for:
- Tips to successfully lead a CMD
- Areas of caution
- Pitfalls to avoid

STEP 3: Select a Lesson
Search Project Look Sharp’s website
- OR
Select a lesson from our Guide for Civics & Government 6-12
- OR
Still not sure? Choose one of the lessons below:

STEP 4: Plan Your Lesson
- What are your objectives?
- What questions can you ask students to meet your objectives?
- What follow-up questions will help them teach each other?
- What background knowledge do your students need for the decoding?
- 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 many more lessons at Project Look Sharp or use our DIY guide to create your own!