Constructivist Media Decoding (CMD) is a multi-faceted, inquiry-based teaching method that engages all students. It teaches core subject-area standards, develops habits of critical thinking, builds student agency, and leverages the curriculum to develop inquiry-based student-centered learning. This approach aims to deepen student thinking.

Plan Your Lesson

**WHAT IS CMD?**

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**WHAT SHOULD I INCLUDE IN THIS KIT?**

- Videos and other media documents
- Lesson plans
- Resources and steps

**HOW TO GET STARTED?**

**STEPS FOR PLAN A CMD**

1. **WHAT AM I TRYING TO DO?**
   - Identify your objectives.
   - What are your students' prior knowledge?
   - What questions can you ask to engage students?
   - What activities can you use to assess understanding?

2. **WHAT AM I TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH?**
   - Plan your media decoding lesson.
   - Select a lesson from our Guide for Elementary All Subjects 3-5.
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