**Constructivist Media Decoding (CMD)**

**WHAT IS CMD?**
Constructivist Media Decoding (CMD) is an inquiry-based teaching method that engages all students. It is a student-centered, curriculum-driven approach. CMD teaches core subject area standards, develops habits of critical thinking, builds student agency, and equips all students with the tools to succeed. 

**WHY CMD?**
CMD engages all students. It deepens student thinking, helps students develop habits of critical thinking, builds student agency, and equips all students with the tools to succeed.

**WHAT IS IN THIS KIT?**
This kit gives you the resources and steps you need to begin integrating Constructivist Media Decoding (CMD) into your work with students.

**HOW TO GET STARTED?**
**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? **STEP 2:** Review the CMD Guide for What Do I Do? Inca Religion - What Sources Should I Use? **STEP 3:** Select a Lesson. Search Project Look Sharp's website and select a lesson from our Guide for Elementary Library & Information Literacy, Grades 3-5. **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 prompt students to think about the message? 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-assessment Checklist to create your own or use our DIY guide to create your own!