Constructivist Media Decoding (CMD)

**STARTER KIT** for Elementary Library K-2

This approach is inquiry-based, student-centered, and curriculum-driven. And it teaches core subject-area standards. It develops habits of critical thinking, builds student agency, and engages all students.

This kit gives you the resources and steps you need to begin integrating constructivist media decoding 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.)
- ML3: Why and How Librarians are Leading K-12 Media Literacy (4 min.)

**STEPS:**

**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?

**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., Elementary Library, Information Literacy K-2 OR FILTER by Subject, Media Type, Duration, etc.

**STEP 4:** Plan Your Lesson

- What content will my students be learning?
- What media can target my curricular goals and be engaging for all my students?
- What content and media literacy questions should I ask?

**STEP 5:** Teach Your Media Decoding Lesson!

- After the lesson, REFLECT:
  - What was successful?
  - What was challenging?
- Use the Constructivist Decoding Checklist

Find more CMD lessons at

**or use our DIY guide to create your own!**