**WHAT IS CMD?**

Constructivist Media Decoding (CMD) is a teacher-centered, curriculum-driven teaching method where ALL students at all levels develop habits of critical thinking, build student agency, and engage all students.

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

**WATCH:**

- What is Media, Media Literacy and CMD? (5 min)
- High School Students Talk about Media Literacy (2 min)
- Learn Look Sharp videos (4 min)
- Watch a short CMD demonstration video

**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:** Revise 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
- Select a lesson from our Guide for Social Studies 6-8
- OR
- Still not sure? Choose one of the lessons below:

  - [ ] National Geographic’s Africa
  - [ ] Roots of Democracy in the US: Iroquois
  - [ ] Climate Disaster: Young People Act

**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 more CMD lessons at Project Look Sharp or use your own guide to create your own!