



## PBS Resources: Media & News Literacy

Above the Noise: [Is This Source Reliable?](#)

This resource will guide you through using lateral reading to make sure your source is reliable.

Above the Noise: [What IS a Reliable Source Anyway?](#)

This resource will guide you through the four characteristics of reliable publications.

Breaking Views: [Why Is Fake News So Effective?](#)

This interactive lesson, based on the series *Breaking Views*, frames the controversial issues of fake news and trust in the media with the historical context of yellow journalism and sensationalist reporting.

Common Sense Education: [Fact-Checking the Web](#)

Use this video from Common Sense Education to assess the accuracy of what's on the web.

Common Sense Education: [Identifying "Fake" News](#)

Use these resources from Common Sense Education to help students investigate the way information is presented so that they can analyze what they read and see on the Web.

Common Sense Education: [Is It Real? Using Reverse Image Search](#)

This video from Common Sense Education provides useful guidance on using reverse image search on Google.

[How to Teach Your Students About Fake News](#)

This lesson gives students media literacy skills they need to navigate the media, including how to spot fake news.

Media Literacy for Elections: [Dark Money](#)

In this lesson, students will examine a case study about how corporate donations to American political campaigns influence elections.

[News and Media Literacy Collection](#)

This collection, which includes videos, blog articles, student handouts, lesson plans, and tip sheets for families, helps students identify, analyze, and investigate the news and information they get from online sources.

Ken Burns in the Classroom: [Tobacco, Advertising, and Cancer](#)

In viewing these three clips from *Cancer: The Emperor of All Maladies*, students will understand how media can influence the habits and attitudes of an audience.

PBS NewsHour: [Fake News Websites Lead to Real Life Dangers Such as 'Pizzagate'](#)

Watch how concern over the spread of fake news has grown since the presidential election with this video and educational resources from *PBS NewsHour* from December 12, 2016.

PBS NewsHour: [How Media Literacy Helps Teachers and Students Talk about Gun Violence](#)

This is a video about a California mass shooting and has a link to discussion questions for students to answer.

PBS NewsHour: [Media Literacy](#)

Resources and lesson plans on media literacy from PBS NewsHour.

PBS NewsHour: [Studying the Israel-Palestine Conflict through a Media Literacy Lens](#)

Use this lesson to discuss how the difference in opinion pieces, news pieces, and the variety of perspectives on topics.

PBS NewsHour: [Trump's Speech through a Media Literacy Lens](#)

Use this lesson to discuss how the news story was covered by different news outlets.

PBS NewsHour Student Reporting Labs: [Lesson Plans & Activities](#)

SRL lesson plans, assignment prompts and instruction tools facilitate project-based learning that builds critical thinking, problem-solving, teamwork, and communication skills.

PBS Teachers Lounge: [WHAT is Media Literacy and HOW Can Simple Shifts Center It](#)

Given the new and ever-changing ways we use technology to receive and communicate information, to be literate in today's constantly connected world involves skills beyond simply reading and writing in the traditional sense.

PBS Virtual Professional Learning Series: [Empowering Young Media Consumers and Creators](#)

Created for teachers – by teachers – to bring together content experts and educators from all backgrounds.

POV: [Dalya's Other Country](#)

This lesson addresses these combined global and media studies concerns by using clips from *Dalya's Other Country* to deepen students' media analysis skills.

POV: [The War Show](#)

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Retro Report: [Campaign Ads that Made History](#)

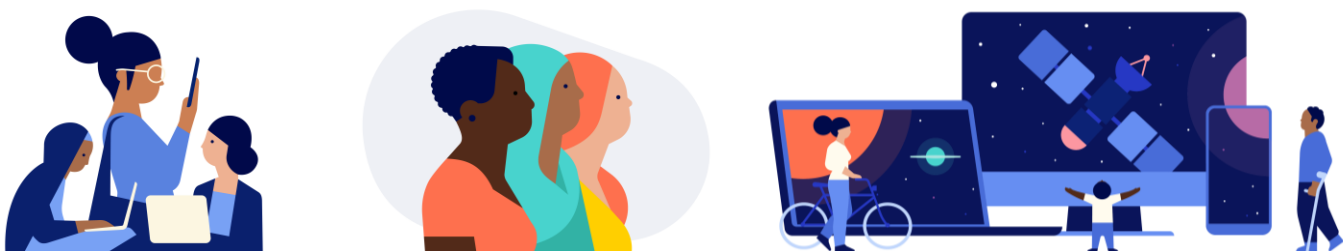
These four-minute videos introduce students to the context and rhetoric surrounding three of the most famous and influential political advertisements in American history.

Retro Report: [McDonald's Hot Coffee](#)

Students will learn about the power of images and video clips in documentary storytelling, and the ways the news documentary format can be used to critique and comment on other news stories.

Social Studies Shorts: [News Literacy](#)

This episode of *Social Studies Shorts* dives in to explore questions to ask when consuming content and techniques to use to spot misinformation and disinformation.





## PBS Resources: Media Production

### [Capture Better Audio](#)

Greg Shea, Digital Video Producer at WGBH, offers insight and advice for ensuring your videos feature the best possible audio.

### [Classroom Video Production Course](#)

This free introductory course provides teachers with the tools to facilitate student video production across the curriculum and at all levels.

### [Editing Video](#)

Watch as NOVA's Anna Rothschild, producer and host of "Gross Science," offers practical tips for composing a beautifully edited video.

### [Educator Materials](#)

Media arts educational materials that include an overview, a glossary, project ideas, a how-to for video production, and resource list.

### [Learning through Video Production](#)

This media-rich self-paced lesson designed for teacher professional development lets you experience what it's like to go through the video production process so that you can ultimately guide your students through this process.

### [Making Engaging Videos](#)

Paula Apsell, senior executive producer of NOVA, talks about the importance of telling a compelling story with your video production. She offers tips on thinking about the relevance and visual potential a topic should have to reach your students.

### [Media Making & Media Literacy for all Educators](#)

KQED offers free online workshops and webinars to support all PreK-12 educators in developing skills to promote youth voice and civic engagement.

### [Production Roles](#)

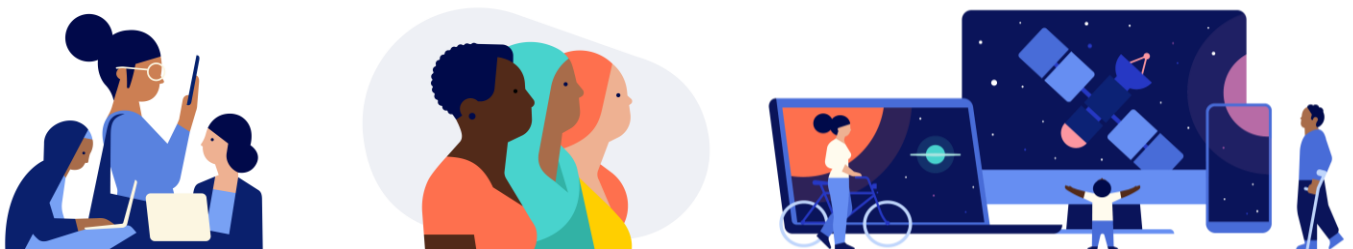
KET videographer Prentice Walker discusses the various roles that exist in any production.

### [Video Production: Behind the Scenes with the Pros](#)

In this collection, members of KET's professional video production team describe the video production process, the skills required for each role, and provide tips to successfully produce a video.

### [Video Production Tips](#)

This video takes you from the researching to the recording of an interview.





## Student News Sources

K-12: [Newsela](#) \*limited free

Keep your lessons fresh and relevant, with new texts added daily and plenty of opportunities for student-led learning

PreK-5: [National Geographic for Kids](#) \*subscription

Website features multimedia content about science and nature.

K-6: [TIME for Kids](#) \*subscription

TIME for Kids builds the critical reading skills kids need to succeed in the information era.

1-6: [Scholastic News](#) \*subscription

Today's news headlines in a kid-friendly format.

1-6: [Scholastic News Kids Press](#) \*free

Scholastic Kids Press is a group of talented Kid Reporters, ages 10–14, from across the country and around the world.

K-8: [DOGOnews](#) \*limited free

DoGo News has short format articles for kids on current events, science, sports and more plus lots of pictures, videos and an interactive map

K-8: [KidNuz](#) \*free

Today's top stories and current events, all nonpartisan and age appropriate. Daily 5-minute podcast.

K-8: [News-o-matic](#) \*subscription

Every weekday, News-O-Matic publishes interactive daily news content that teaches children 21st-century skills such as critical thinking, media literacy, and global awareness.

K-8: [NPR WOW in the World](#) \*free

This weekly show invites curious kids and their grown-ups on a journey away from their screens, inside their brains, and into the most amazing stories in science, technology, and new discoveries.

K-8: [The Ten News](#) \*free

The Ten News podcast explores topics that kids care about most including events, sports, science, gaming, pop culture, entertainment, and more!

K-8: [The Washington Post Kids Post](#) \*free

Games, curated news, contests, puzzles, and fun activities for kids.

K-8: [youngzine](#)

Youngzine teaches children about our environment and the changing climate and empowers them to action.

3-9: [The Week Junior](#) \*subscription

Sports, science, nature, and culture to engaging interactive features like weekly debates, how-to craft projects, recipes, and puzzles. Supplementary content online.

5-8: [Smithsonian Teacher Page](#) \*free

Formerly the Tween Tribune that featured content for grades 5-8.

5-12: [The Juice Learning](#) \*subscription

These sortable collections of news stories, infographics, and videos can provide a daily dose of current events.

6-12: [CNN 10](#) \*free

This is the mission of CNN 10, a 10-minute educational news show that appears as a daily digital video.

6-12: [PBS NewsHour Classroom](#) \*free

Classroom features daily news lessons based on PBS NewsHour, full-length video-based lesson plans and opportunities for teachers and students to be published on Classroom Voices.

9-12: [ABS News](#) \*free

ABC News is your daily news outlet for breaking national and world news, video news, exclusive interviews and 24/7 live streaming coverage that will help you stay up to date on the events shaping our world.

9-12: [Axios](#) \*free

Smart, efficient news worthy of your time, attention, and trust.

9-12: [CNN](#) \*free

News from CNN organized in a clear, crisp fashion with coverage in a wide number of areas.

9-12: [MSNBC](#) \*free

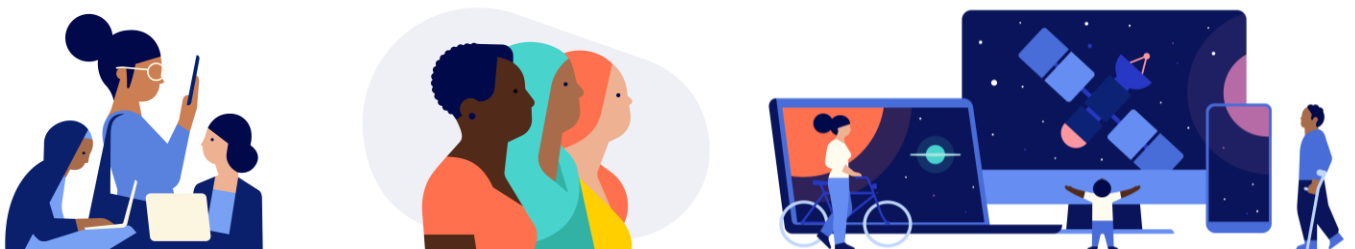
MSNBC breaking news and the latest news for today.

9-12: [PBS NewsHour](#) \*free

PBS NewsHour is the primary daily, breaking and special news producer for PBS.

9-12: [Reuters](#) \*free

Reuters provides business, financial, national and international news to professionals via desktop terminals, the world's media organizations, industry events and directly to consumers.





## Additional Resources

American Documentary: [Media Literacy Questions for Analyzing POV Films](#)

These suggested questions are starting points for that type of analysis. They are designed for diverse films and audiences; choose the ones that best meet the needs of your situation.

[Center for Media Literacy](#)

The Center for Media Literacy (CML) is an educational organization that provides leadership, public education, professional development and evidence-based educational resources nationally and internationally.

[Common Sense Media](#)

Dedicated to improving the lives of all kids and families by providing the trustworthy information, education, and independent voice they need to thrive in the 21st century.

Common Sense Media: [Best News Websites for Students](#)

These great, classroom-friendly news websites are credible sources for students. Students can turn to them to gain different perspectives on key current events.

Kunhardt Film Foundation: [Interview Archive](#)

Full-length interviews produced during the production of documentary films and their corresponding transcripts.

[Media Literacy Now](#)

Media Literacy Now is leading the grassroots movement to create a public education system that ensures all students learn the 21st century literacy skills they need for health, well-being, economic participation, and citizenship.

Media Literacy Week: [Events + Lesson Ideas](#)

Whether this is your first Media Literacy Week or your sixth, everyone can use some inspiration to help kickstart your media literacy activities.

[Media Smarts](#)

Our K-12 resources cover a wide-range of issues in “traditional” media and also address the unique issues arising for digital media.

[MediaWise](#)

We teach people digital media literacy and fact-checking skills to spot misinformation and disinformation, with initiatives specifically designed to engage Gen Z, college students and older Americans.

[National Association for Media Literacy Education](#)

Unites a community of educators who provide resources to help people of all ages develop the vital skills of media literacy.

NAMLE: [Media Monsters](#)

Educators can use this plan to inspire relevant, rich, and age appropriate discussion in their classrooms about how we all consume and interact with different types of media.

New America: [Media Literacy 101](#)

Jimmeka Anderson was featured at the NPR's 1A radio show, where she talked about media literacy education and provided resources for the 1A website.

### [News Literacy Project](#)

A nonpartisan education nonprofit building a national movement to create a more news-literate America.

### [NewseumED](#)

Free resources to cultivate the First Amendment and media literacy skills essential to civic life

Penn State Humanities Institute: [HumIn Focus](#)

An educational web series that asks scholars to reflect on the ideas lying behind pressing social issues.

### [Penn State News Literacy Initiative](#)

Penn State's News Literacy Initiative aims to help, teaching students and citizens strategies for telling the difference between reliable public interest journalism and the noise that often overwhelms and divides us.

Penn State News Literacy Initiative: [News Over Noise](#)

News Over Noise explores the challenge of separating spin and click-bait from good journalism and why it matters.

### [Pennsylvania Media List](#)

A listing by region of Pennsylvania's media outlets.

### [Retro Report](#)

At a time when misinformation is rampant and there's disagreement over objective facts, our team of award-winning journalists and educators is creating trusted documentary videos and classroom resources.

### [Take Two Media Initiative](#)

Take Two Media Initiative is a nonprofit dedicated to teaching K-12 learners the media literacy and filmmaking skills they need to become smart digital citizens.

The Election Collection: [Issues & Debates Toolkits](#)

Examine the key issues leading up to the 2020 election: climate, education, wealth disparities, cybersecurity. Then engage students in structured classroom debate activities about current issues.

The Election Collection: [Media Literacy](#)

Help students identify, analyze, and investigate the news and information they find online with materials about fake news, confirmation bias, and hyperpartisan news.

The New York Times: [The Learning Network](#) \*free

Resources for bringing the world into your classroom.

The Trust Project: [The Trust Indicators](#)

Trust Project Indicators will help you decide whether you should trust your news, and make sure you are aware before you share it.

We the Voters: [Civic Engagement & Media Literacy](#)

A nonpartisan digital project featuring short films and accompanying lesson plans.

