

Media Studies and Media Literacy Resource List for Grades K through 4

The Resources in this document can be used with the Media Studies and Media Literacy Curriculum Packet for grades K through 4.

Books

Nonfiction and Biography

- Learning About Ads (Media Literacy for Kids), 2015 by Martha E. H. Rustad (Author).
Advertisements are everywhere! Young students need to know how to react to them. Straightforward text and clear photographs kickstart the media literacy conversation.
- Learning About Fact and Opinion (Media Literacy for Kids), 2015 by Martha E. H. Rustad (Author).
Even the youngest readers need to learn the difference between fact and opinion. Clear text and photographs give readers the tools they need to evaluate and understand the media literacy concept of fact and opinion.
- Learning About Media Literacy (Media Literacy for Kids), 2015 by Martha E. H. Rustad (Author).
Media is everywhere. Straightforward text and clear photographs gives readers the tools they need to evaluate and understand media.
- Learning About Plagiarism (Media Literacy for Kids), 2015 by Nikki Bruno Clapper (Author), Gail Saunders-Smith (Consultant Editor).
Young readers and writers need to learn about plagiarism. Easy to understand text and clear photographs give readers and writers the tools they need to evaluate and understand ownership of work.
- Learning About Primary Sources (Media Literacy for Kids), 2015 by Nikki Bruno Clapper (Author), Gail Saunders-Smith (Consultant Editor).
What is a primary source? How does it compare to other types of sources? Every learner needs to know the difference. Clear text and photographs give readers the tools they need to learn about primary sources and media literacy.
- Learning About Privacy (Media Literacy for Kids), 2015 by Martha E. H. Rustad (Author).
What does it mean to stay private online? Why is privacy important? Everyone needs to know about this topic. Straightforward text and clear photographs give readers the tools they need to be successful and safe users of all types of media.

- Nellie Bly and Investigative Journalism for Kids: Mighty Muckrakers from the Golden Age to Today, with 21 Activities (For Kids series), 2015 by Ellen Mahoney (Author). Budding reporters learn about the major figures of the muckraking era. Young readers will also learn about more contemporary reporters, from Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein to Amy Goodman, who have carried on the muckraking tradition. Twenty-one activities encourage and engage a future generation of muckrakers.
- What's Your Source?: Questioning the News (Media Literacy), 2008. Give young readers the tools they need to evaluate the barrage of media messages that reach them every day. This series embraces media as entertaining and useful but also empowers readers as they learn a systematic way to question pop culture and to recognize how influential media messages are.

Fiction

- But I Read It on the Internet!, 2013 by Toni Buzzeo (Author), Sachiko Yoshikawa (Illustrator). Two students disagree on whether George Washington really had wooden teeth, and their teacher encourages them to research the story on the internet and use her "Website Evaluation Gizmo" to evaluate websites and come up with the correct answer.
- Goodnight iPad: a Parody for the Next Generation, 2011 by Ann Droyd (Author). This book (which is made of paper) is a reminder for the child in all of us to power down at the end of the day. This hilarious parody not only pokes loving fun at the bygone quiet of the original classic, but also at our modern plugged-in lives.
- If You Give a Mouse an iPhone: A Cautionary Tail, 2014 by Ann Droyd (Author). If you give in to temptation and give a bored little mouse your iPhone, *even for ten minutes*, he's probably going to beam to some faraway place beyond time, space, and the sound of your pleading voice.
- Once Upon a Time... Online: Happily Ever After Is Only a Click Away! , 2016 by David Bedford (Author), Rosie Reeve (Illustrator). Once upon a time, a laptop arrived in Fairy-tale land... A happily ever after is only a click away! Find out what happens when our favorite fairy-tale characters receive a laptop and learn a lesson in online safety.
- The Technology Tail: A Digital Footprint Story 2017 by Julia Cook (Author), Anita DuFalla (Illustrator). This cute, creative story about children and their texts, tweets, posts and pics. Webster's Email, 2014 by Hannah Whaley (Author, Illustrator). Webster's Email is a witty rhyming story that gathers pace as the little spider begins to regret emailing a funny picture of his sister.

Online Links

- American Association of School Librarians: Best News Sources for Kids.
<http://gws.ala.org/category/social-sciences/news-current-events>
- Common Sense Media: Best News Sources for Kids
<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/lists/best-news-sources-for-kids>

Background information for the Educator

- Common Sense : Excellent resource for parents/educators looking for guidance in Media Issues.
<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>
- Edutopia: Parent resources for digital literacy
<https://www.edutopia.org/digital-literacy-technology-parent-resources>
- Gateway Media Literacy Center: Empowering Citizens to Think Critically about Media Messages
<https://www.gmlpstl.org/>
- Newseum Ed: Media Literacy Resources
<https://newseumed.org/stack/media-literacy-resources/>