June 2023 Newsletter

This month's highlights:

- NEW: Resources for Delivering Professional Development on Media Decoding
- NEW: Over 100 new mini-lessons on Social Justice
- Tips to Overcome Technical Issues When Accessing PLS’ Website

Delivering Professional Development on Constructive Media Decoding Resources

As part of our 2-year ML3 grant, Librarians as Leaders of Media Literacy, we have created a new component to our website. The tab, Resources for Delivering PD on Media Decoding, available under the Professional Development menu on the homepage, gives educators the tools they need to collaborate with and provide PD for other educators in their schools, districts, and regions. The slide sets and presenter guides include scripts, activities, and videos that can target specific educator groups (e.g. early elementary, secondary social studies, etc.). These PD resources will introduce educators to Project Look Sharp resources and approach for integrating constructivist media decoding into the curriculum. No special training is needed for using these resources.
Over 100 New Mini-Lessons on Social Justice

In response to your requests for short decoding activities we have broken large slides lessons from the kit, Media Construction of Social Justice, into over 100 new mini-lessons that can be delivered in under 15 minutes. Each mini-lesson includes a 2-page teacher guide with background information, questions, and possible answers for use in decoding engaging media document(s).

We have posted more than a dozen mini-lessons on each of the following:

- Abolition of Slavery
- Women’s Suffrage
- Early Labor Movement
- Black Freedom/Civil Rights
- Women’s Liberation
- Immigrant Rights

Mini-lessons on Chemicals in the Environment, Resource Depletion, and Endangered Species are coming soon. You can find mini-lessons by filtering your search for Resource Duration and selecting Under 15 minutes:
CHECK OUT

a few recently published mini lessons:

George Washington: Farmer & Slave Owner

What are the messages about slavery presented in this 1853 lithograph? What is your evidence from the document?

Pyramid of Capitalist System Poster

What are the messages about capitalism in this 1911 poster? Who might have made this and why? What workers are missing from this poster? Why might that be

Beautiful Women Poster

What are the messages about women's identity in this 2009 poster?
The Montgomery Bus Boycott: Different Interpretations

How do these headlines characterize the 1869 American Equal Rights Convention?

Women's Rights Convention Headlines

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"Louisiana Cancer Alley Residents Sue" Blog Post

What are the messages in this blog post about the tactics of environmental justice activists?

Advertising Targeting LGBTQ Consumers

Who might Southwest Airlines be targeting in this 2009 ad? What is your evidence?

Title IX: Impacts and Identities

Women in Prison Poster
What are the messages in this blog post about the tactics of environmental justice activists?

According to this poster about how many times more women were in prison in 2005 than in 1980?

**Minuteman Project Webpage**

What are the messages about undocumented immigrants? What symbols are used and why?

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**Experiencing Technical Issues with Project Look Sharp Website?**

Some people have reported issues accessing our website:

- **Problem resetting your password?** Check your spam/junk/clutter/important filter for the password reset email.
- **Not receiving emails or newsletter from Project Look Sharp?** We have learned that some districts are blocking our emails. In this case, ask your IT department to whitelist email communications from our domain, projectlooksharp.org. Or use a personal email account to set up your account.
- **Experiencing delays in accessing resources on Project Look Sharp’s website?** Recently, Project Look Sharp's outreach has grown exponentially. While this is good news, it does mean that we are experiencing growing pains. To address this, we will be transitioning our website to a dedicated server. We apologize for the inconvenience for any delays, but it should be resolved soon!