November 2023 Newsletter

PLS November '23 Newsletter at a Glance

New Lessons:

- Asian American and Pacific Islander History and Culture: Representation and Authorship
- A.I. - Pros, Cons, Credibility and Bias

Lessons for Thanksgiving and Native American Heritage Month
Media Decoding Resources about Israel/Palestine
New York State Framework for Media Literacy

New FREE Media Decoding Lessons

Asian American and Pacific Islander History and Culture: Representation and Authorship
Students analyze four short videos for messages about Asian American and Pacific Islander histories and cultures and their representation.

- What are the messages in each film clip about Asian
A.I. - Pros, Cons, Credibility and Bias

Students analyze four short videos for messages about the pros and cons of artificial intelligence, the bias and credibility of each source, and our own thinking about the issue.

- What are the main points here?
- What biases do you see?
- Who is speaking and what credibility do they have on this subject?
- What questions do you have?
Students analyze excerpts from three children’s books for differing perspectives and messages about the history of Squanto’s role in the first Thanksgiving feast.

- Why might the Wampanoag and the English settlers view the Plymouth settlement differently?
- Why might different authors explain historical events in different ways?
- How would you decide which of these books is most true to what really happened and why?

**Thanksgiving: Who's Telling the Story?** Middle School - College
Students analyze short videos for messages about the meanings and impacts of the stories surrounding Thanksgiving.

- According to this video how does one's cultural identity inform one's understanding of Thanksgiving?
- How does the mission of the producer shape their messages about Thanksgiving?

**The Invention of Thanksgiving.** National Museum of the American Indian.

**When is Thanksgiving Day and Why is it Celebrated?** Al Jazeera AJ+.

**The Pilgrims and the First Thanksgiving.** PBS American Experience.

**41 Lessons** for Native American Heritage Month, including:

**Trails of Tears: Who's Telling the Stories and How?** Middle - High School

**Pocahontas: Can We Really Know Who She Was?** Upper Elementary - Middle
This 5 minute annotated video shows Chris Sperry leading a decoding of Israeli and Palestinian created maps with high school students, to understand how maps could be factually true but also biased.

**6 Lessons** about **The History of the Arab Israeli Conflict**, including:

- **Same Land - Different Histories** High School - College
- **May 14, 1948: Independence or Catastrophe?** High School - College
- **Whose Fear and Whose Security?** High School - College

New York State **Framework for Media Literacy**

[DemocracyReady NY](https://www.democracyready.org) collaborated with Dr. Faith Rogow to produce this.
Kogow to produce this important new document. The framework articulates the goals, objectives, and methods of media literacy education in actionable terms for educators in school settings. It is designed to be both flexible and clear, providing schools, districts, and the state with the guideposts they need to implement culturally and developmentally appropriate media literacy instruction for every New York State student.