

PROJECT LOOK SHARP



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New Media Decoding Lessons:

[Paul Revere's Midnight Ride](#)

Upper Elementary & Middle School

Students analyze Paul Revere's account of his midnight ride, Longfellow's poem and a YouTube video to consider context and sourcing in recounting an historic event.



- How are these depictions of Paul Revere's ride similar and different?
- Is this a primary or secondary document? How can you tell?
- How does it help to have descriptions of historical events by different sources to explain events in the past?

See our free media decoding lessons and demonstration video about [Historiography](#).

[The Boston Massacre:](#) [A Bloody Slaughter](#) [or Self Defense?](#)

Middle & High School

Students analyze Paul Revere's engraving, a newspaper account by the British commander, a deposition by an eyewitness, and court testimony to learn about sourcing, bias, and credibility in historical sources.

- What knowledge do you need to fully understand this? How do you find that out?
- Reflecting on all 4 documents, which side do you think initiated the Massacre and why?
- What has this lesson taught you about judging credibility of historical sources based on media source, intended audience and purpose?



Search over 400 decoding lessons on **US History** for [Elementary](#), [Middle](#), [High School](#), or [College](#) - then **FILTER** by *Keyword, Media Type, Lesson Duration, C3 Standard*, and more.

Lessons for:

[Women's History Month](#)

FILTER by *Keyword, Media Type, Standard*, etc.

Some lessons for [ELEMENTARY](#):

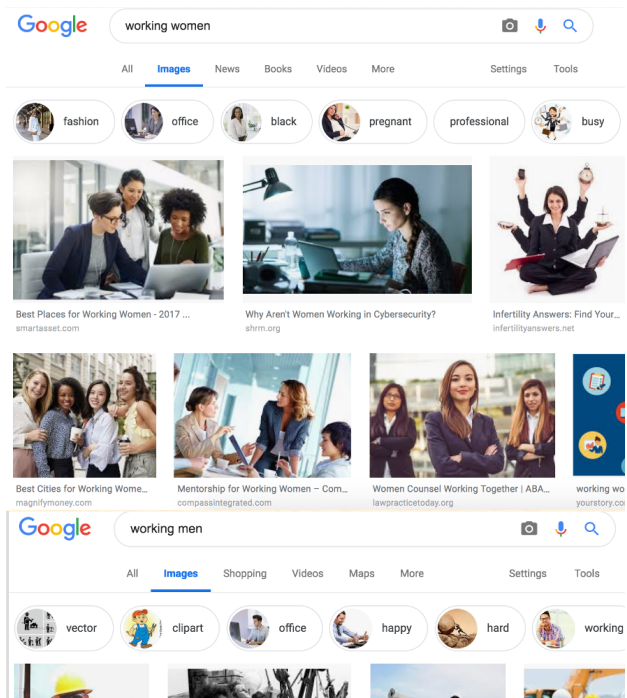
- [How Women Got the Vote](#) – book excerpts
- [Judy Heumann: Disability Activism](#) – videos

Some lessons for [MIDDLE SCHOOL](#):

- [Female Superheroes](#) – comics 1963-2019
- [Women in Hip Hop](#) – lyrics, music video, documentary film
- [We Will Be Heard](#) – songs about suffrage

Some lessons for [HIGH SCHOOL](#):

- [Sexual Harassment](#) – magazine covers 1991 + 2018
- [Rosie the Riveter](#) – posters 1943 + 2017

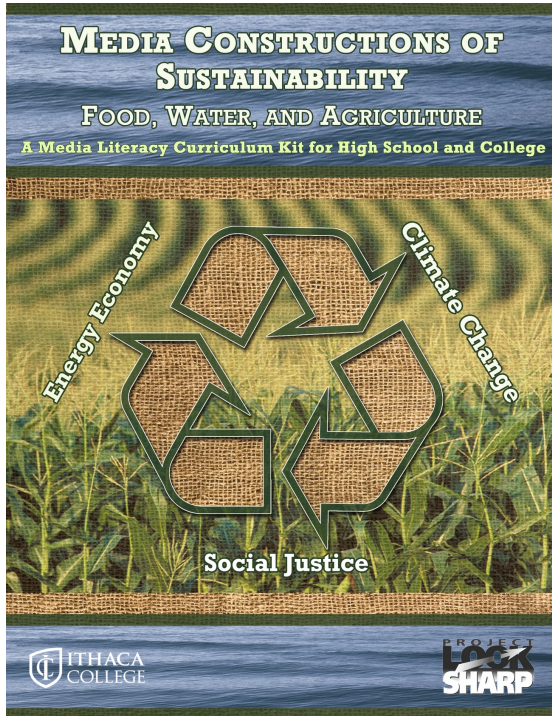
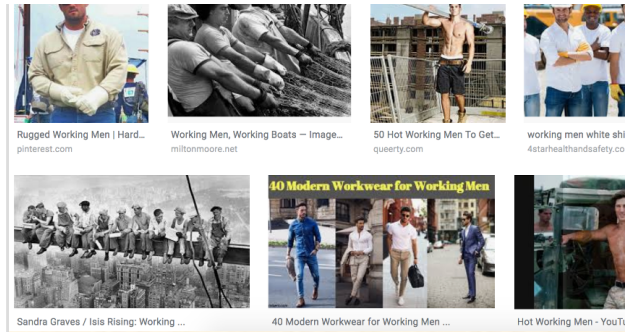


- [Google Image Searches](#) ➔

Do these image searches promote stereotypes?

Watch a [6 minute video](#) of an 8th grade class decoding these Google Images.

See other short [video demonstrations](#) of media decoding for different levels and subjects.



[Food and Agriculture](#)

We have **35** lessons related to food including:

12 for [ELEMENTARY](#) including:

- [Cereal Commercials](#) – early elementary
- [The Food Groups](#) – early elementary
- [What About Hunger?](#) – upper elementary

12 for [MIDDLE SCHOOL](#) including:

- [Food Waste: What's the Problem?](#)
- [Healthy Food: Who's Telling Me What I Should Eat?](#)
- [Organic Foods: Whose Perspective?](#)

20 for [HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE](#) including:

- [Climate Change, Agriculture & Sustainability](#)
- [Food Crisis in Africa](#)
- [GMOs: Bias and Credibility](#)

See our free media decoding kits - [Media Constructions of Sustainability](#) - for Lower Elementary, Upper Elementary, Middle School, High School - College, and the Finger Lakes in New York. Each kit includes many lessons with all the media documents, lesson plans, and handouts you need.

[Discovering Ramadan](#)

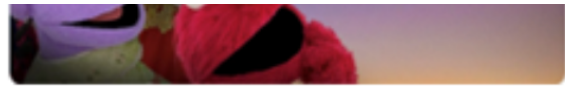
Early Elementary & Middle School
by Michele Coolbeth

Students analyze a tweet, calendar, and book covers related to the celebration of Ramadan to discover unique traditions associated with the holy month and to contrast media forms.

- *What types of media do you see here?*
- *What questions do you have about Ramadan?*



Ramadan is February 28-March 29, 2025.



Professional Development on Constructivist Media Decoding

[Project Look Sharp](#) is currently delivering 6 hybrid [online courses](#) introducing educators to [Constructivist Media Decoding](#) - One in Washington State, four in New York state, and one national course. Each course includes live Zoom or in-person sessions plus 4 self-paced modules with over 40 activities and individual coaching. Each educator creates their own media decoding activity that they deliver with students.



We also offer in-person full day CDM workshops for librarians and teachers, as shown in the photo above.

For information go to [Our PD Offerings](#) or email looksharp@ithaca.edu.

New **Search** functions:

For Project Look Sharp's 800+ free lessons. Based on your feedback, you now have the capacity to search our vast lesson archives by **Relevancy** (based on your query), as well as by **Popularity**, and by **Newest**.

