

True Grit and Media Lit

A WebQuest located at:

<http://web.mvesc.k12.oh.us/webquest.asp?fileID=138>

Teachers with "true grit" understand the importance of teaching media literacy and critical viewing skills. This WebQuest introduces and supports the process.

Introduction

Traditionally, a teacher's goal has been to help students become literate citizens. Now, teachers with true grit understand that "print" literacy is not enough. Students must enhance their literacy skills in order to be successful in our multi-media culture. Students need to be "media" literate and "information" literate. What resources are available? This WebQuest answers that question.

The Task

“At the heart of media literacy is the principle of inquiry.” Elizabeth Thoman, CML Founder

The question is, "How would a media literacy unit look in your classroom?"

- Explore the resources presented in this WebQuest.
- Use the resources to create a lesson plan for your classroom.
- Create your lesson plan with the new Ohio Department of Education "IMS" template.

Resources

- [Center for Media Literacy](#)

This site puts together the pieces of the media literacy puzzle

- [ECB Surf Report](#)

These links are designed to help students learn to critically evaluate and understand the media and its impact on their lives

- [PBS Teacher Source](#)
Activities and ideas to integrate media education into language arts, social studies, math, science, and health.
- [Ohio Department Of Education Instructional Management System](#)
Ohio's Instructional Management System (IMS) is the vehicle for communicating State Board-adopted model curricula.
- [Media Literacy Clearinghouse](#)
Frank Baker's Web Site
- [A Critical Thinking Lesson Plan](#)
This lesson offers students a chance to practice critical thinking skills
- [One of Alice's ODE / IMS Back Packs](#)
Some Ohio Content Standards that relate to media literacy.
- [Sample National Media Literacy Standards](#)
These are some of the content standards that most states recognize as essential.
- [Getting Started Ideas from PBS](#)
This page lists some multi-disciplinary ideas for incorporating media literacy into classroom instruction
- [ALA Information Power](#)
This site organizes information literacy standards
- [Forum for Information Literacy](#)
This is a national forum.
- [Media Literacy WebQuest](#)
This WebQuest examines the power of television commercials.
- [Media Literacy Links and Resources](#)
This is an extensive list of media literacy resources
- [Media Moments](#)
A classroom project from PBS 45 & 49 Educational Services.
- [Alliance For a Media Literate America](#)
AMLA Links to Media Literacy Web Sites

Conclusion

The "media literacy" approach to teaching balances content and methods. It is a subject of its own, yet applies to all subjects. Through practice, it is possible to present engaging classroom activities that explore media and expand knowledge.

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