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The News Literacy Project, a national nonpartisan education nonprofit, empowers educators to teach news literacy and media literacy skills that will last a lifetime. NLP provides free programs and resources to help young people become smart, active consumers of news and information, and engaged, informed participants in our democracy. Our flagship platform, Checkology®, contains engaging cross-curricular lessons aligned to the Common Core social studies standards and the C3 framework. Lessons include analysis and interpretation of editorial cartoons and understanding and analysis of the First Amendment while supporting the ability to detect misinformation. Laying the foundation for students to think critically, our lessons help educators equip students with the tools to evaluate and interpret sources, knowing what to trust, share and act on to be civically engaged.

Social studies, history and civics-aligned lessons include, but are not limited to:

- **The First Amendment:** Learn why the First Amendment's five rights and freedoms are so vital to American democracy. Through case studies, weigh in on Supreme Court decisions in which these protections were challenged.
- **Democracy's Watchdog:** Learn about the historic watchdog role that a free press has played in the United States by exploring a collection of investigative reports spanning more than a century.
- **Conspiratorial Thinking:** Learn to recognize conspiracy theories and explain what makes people vulnerable to conspiratorial thinking.
- **Citizen Watchdogs:** Learn the ways that ordinary people can document and expose wrongdoing, including monitoring news coverage for breaches of journalism standards, by examining a series of case studies.
- **Power in Art: The Watchdog Role of Editorial Cartoonists:** Learn about the history of editorial cartooning as a unique and powerful form of opinion journalism and analyze cartoons from the 1700s to the present day.
- **Press Freedoms Around the World:** Explore the state of press freedoms in 22 nations, including videos of journalists in 10 countries recounting their reporting experiences.

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ELA Connections with News Literacy

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ELA-aligned lessons include, but are not limited to:
- [InfoZones:](#) Learn to determine the credibility of a piece of information by identifying its primary purpose or "InfoZone": news, opinion, entertainment, advertising, propaganda and raw information.
- [Be the Editor:](#) Test your news judgment by selecting the most newsworthy stories to feature on the homepage of your news site, then explain your choices.
- [Arguments and Evidence:](#) Learn about five common logical fallacies and evaluate the evidence after experiencing the information aftermath of a fictional event as it unfolds on social media.
- [What Is News?:](#) Explore how journalists "filter" information, or determine which events and issues to cover in a given news cycle, by using key criteria.
- [Branded Content:](#) Learn the relationship among advertisers, the news media and the public to understand the rise of branded content and debate the ethical implications of new forms of marketing.

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STEM Connections with News Literacy

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STEM-aligned lessons include, but are not limited to:
- [Evaluating Science-based Claims:](#) Explore how to recognize science-based claims and evaluate their credibility, as well as how to evaluate science journalism.
- [Be Health Informed:](#) Explore how to make sense of the health and wellness information vying for our attention.
- [Making Sense of Data:](#) Examine how we create, interact with and are influenced by data in all aspects of our lives.
- [Levels of evidence with Dr. Kat](#): Match pieces of scientific evidence with their evidence types, determine the level of reliability of a piece of scientific evidence and explain why some types of scientific evidence are more credible than others.

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Digital Citizenship Connections with News Literacy

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Digital Citizenship lessons include, but are not limited to:
- **Introduction to Algorithms:** Interact with a mock social media site and search engine to understand the information that algorithms gather about you to personalize what you see online.
- **InfoZones:** Learn to determine the credibility of a piece of information by identifying its primary purpose or "InfoZone": news, opinion, entertainment, advertising, propaganda and raw information.
- **Misinformation:** Learn to understand different types of misinformation and the ways that misinformation can damage democracy.
- **Branded Content:** Learn the relationship among advertisers, the news media and the public to understand the rise of branded content and debate the ethical implications of new forms of marketing.
- **Understanding Bias:** Understand news media bias by learning about five types of bias and five ways it can manifest itself, as well as methods for minimizing it.
- **Be the Editor:** Test your news judgment by selecting the most newsworthy stories to feature on the homepage of your news site, then explain your choices.
- **Conspiratorial Thinking:** Learn to recognize conspiracy theories and explain what makes people vulnerable to conspiratorial thinking.
- **Evaluating Evidence Online:** Distinguish between posts that don't actually provide strong evidence in support of the claims they make and those that do.
- **Can You Search Like a Pro?** Take your search skills to the next level by helping disinformation expert Cindy Otis research the "Birds Aren't Real" conspiracy theory.

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