

NEWS MEDIA

LIBRARY STORYTIME LESSON

RECOMMENDED READS
"News Media"

PICTURE BOOKS
Newspaper Hats (C)
Ralph Tells a Story (C)
Any Questions? (G)
The Little "Read" He
I Am the Dog, I Am
The Breaking News
The Best Story (Spi)
Little Red Writing (t)
The Plot Chickens
Facts Vs. Opinions
The Sad Little Fact
We Disagree (Mur)

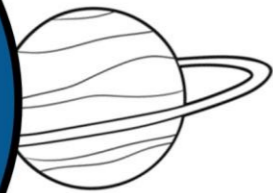
SCAVENGER HUNT

All these objects and answers are in the News Media slides. Can you find them?

This idion brand-ne
What is sand made of?
Someone's thoughts and feelings are called their

SCAVENGER HUNT

Can you find all these objects in the News Media slides? Color them!



the planet Saturn



GRADES
K-3

WHAT ARE OPINIONS?

I am always right!
I am the smartest!

If someone says these words, it is probably an **opinion**:

I think...	the best / better than
I feel...	the worst / worse than
I believe...	the most ____
always/never	the least ____



EDITABLE IN THREE FORMATS

WORLD NEWS

news happens somewhere in the world, but it is not close to you.

The world is a very big place! Many things happen every day.

The news usually shares the biggest world events.

Sometimes world news can feel scary. But remember...it is happening far away, in another country, not near you right now.



The Paris, France Olympics in 2024 was important world news.

Presentation is editable in PowerPoint and Google Slides.

Printables are editable in PowerPoint, Google Slides, and PDF formats.

PART I - WHOLE-GROUP LESSON

Part I includes sign language (“newspaper”), an original newspaper song, local vs. world news, and a discussion slide for “scary news.”

SCARY NEWS?

Sometimes the news can be scary, even for adults.

If the news gets to be too much for you, just turn it off and do something else.

Go outside in nature, read a book, or talk to a trusted adult instead.



PART II - SCROLLING SLIDES

WHICH TASTES BETTER?



OR



Does this question ask for facts or opinions?

The slides in Part II need to be set on a timer (instructions with visuals included).

The scrolling slides include fact vs. opinion, vocabulary, “news” idioms, a discussion of AI images in the news, and news-related would-you-rathers.

Students watch the slideshow to find the images and information included in the differentiated Scavenger Hunt activities.

IS THERE ANY AI?

IMAGES

This presentation has FIVE AI-generated images. All were included to demonstrate problems with AI images and how to differentiate AI images from real photos.

To support human artists, all clipart was purchased from human artists, some of whom are also classroom teachers, on TPT. All photos are public domain photos.

TEXT: All text is original (not AI-generated), thoroughly-researched, and written by a certified Texas teacher-librarian with an MLS Degree.



PRINTABLE ACTIVITIES

Keep early-finishers engaged during checkout! All images and answers to the scavenger hunt questions appear in Part II of the presentation. Two differentiated versions of each!

SCAVENGER HUNT

Can you find all these objects in the News Media slides? Color them!

EASIER



the planet Saturn





a photo of popcorn



SCAVENGER HUNT

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This idiom describes a brand-new news story	What is sand made of?
	
What is our school counselor's name?	What are some ways to tell something is an opinion?

HARDER


ANSWER KEY

SCAVENGER HUNT

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This idiom describes a brand-new news story	... ne's thoughts and s are called their
"breaking news"	opinions
What is our school counselor's name?	A _____ is true for everyone



RECOMMENDED READS

“News Media”



PICTURE BOOKS

Newspaper Hats (Cummings)
Ralph Tells a Story (Hanlon)
Any Questions? (Gay)
The Little “Read” Hen (de las Casas)
I Am the Dog, I Am the Cat (Hall)
The Breaking News (Reul)
The Best Story (Spinelli)
Little Red Writing (Holub)
The Plot Chickens (Mary Auch)
Facts Vs. Opinions Vs. Robots (Rex)
The Sad Little Fact (Winter)
We Disagree (Murguia)



FICTION BOOKS

Peachy and Keen: A School Tail (Tharp)
Hero Dog!: Hilde Cracks the Case (Lysiak)
Cheetah Chases the Story (Anderson)
Carly’s Angels: Swamp Sting (Hoena)
Amelia Bedelia: Cub Reporter (Parrish)

NONFICTION

A Race Around the World: The True Story of Nellie Bly and Elizabeth Bisland
(Rose)
Yours for Justice, Ida B. Wells: The Daring Life of Crusading Journalist (Dray)
The Power of Her Pen: The Story of Groundbreaking Journalist Ethel L. Payne

This is an editable list of 26 recommended fiction and nonfiction books related to media literacy.

I am a Texas-certified, experienced school librarian and ELA teacher. I hand-selected every book on this list. Every title on this list is well-reviewed for Grades K-3 and includes positive professional reviews in Titlewave.

Use it for your own reference, add it to book displays, or send it to teachers or home to parents!

EDITABLE LESSON PLAN

Includes pre-filled lesson plan with AASL, CCSS, and TEKS standards for Grades K-3.

The Notes page is a place where you can make notes to yourself for next year, or whenever you teach this lesson again.

PREP CHECKLIST

Prep is very important for this lesson! Before your lesson, you will need to:

- Check your lesson area. Play the PowerPoint where this lesson.
- If you have a **slide remote** lesson area or where you
- Look through** your slides
- Learn the sign language** the presentation (see Slide edit mode). Practice the
- Organize your slides.** Can you move any of them up in presentation? Do you want to change levels?
- Set your timings** if you (Instructions included a
- If you are using this the **up a display** of readal
- Do you want to use a story

NOTES ON THIS LESSON:

Use this space for any notes you might want for next year. Is there anything you want to add or change next year?

All these lesson pages are editable. Erase the boxes, make them bigger, change the font—whatever works for you!

LESSON PLAN

DATES

TYPE LESSON DATE HERE

GRADES

TYPE GRADE LEVEL(S) HERE

SUPPLIES AND RESOURCES

- Computer, projector, speakers
- Books for read-aloud
- Copies of Scavenger Hunt
- Copies of Recommendation cards for parents
- Crayons, colored paper

AASL STANDARDS FRAMEWORK

AASL I.D.3

Enacting new understanding through real-world connections.

AASL C.I.1

Interacting with content presented by others.

COMMON CORE STANDARDS

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.5

Recognize common types of texts (e.g., storybooks, poems)

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.1.6

Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, including using frequently occurring conjunctions to signal simple relationships

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.3.5

Demonstrate understanding of

LESSON PLAN

THE STUDENTS WILL...

- Sing "The Newspaper Song"
- Sign language – "newspaper" and fingerspelling "N-E-W-S"
- Discuss the meanings of news, media, and current events
- Discuss parts of a newspaper—front page, headline, byline, dateline
- Learn strategies to help discern AI photos from real photos
- Listen and participate in a storytime read-aloud

RELATED VIDEO:


- **Video:** "Fact or Opinion for Kids" by Teaching Without Frills (<3 minutes)
- **Video:** "Fact or Opinion Fitness" by PE with Mrs. V (<7 minutes)
- **Video:** "How the New York Times is Made" by Insider (<5 minutes)
- **Just for fun--video:** "How the New York Times is Made" by Insider (<5 minutes)

MORE LIBRARY STORYTIME

Love this Storytime? I've got lots of them!

INCLUDES GOOGLE™ SLIDES


LIBRARY STORYTIME



HOW CAN
DIRTY HANDS
HURT A
LIBRARY BOOK?

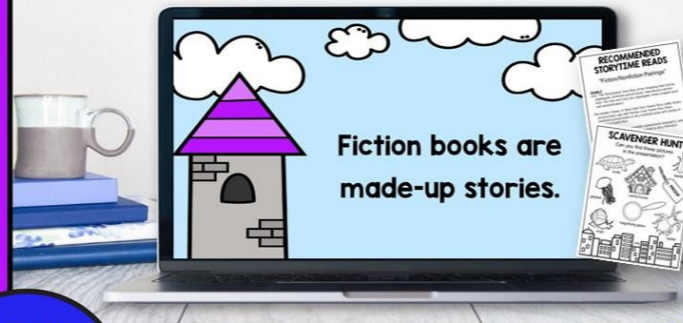
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"Library Book Care"



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LIBRARY STORYTIME



Fiction books are
made-up stories.

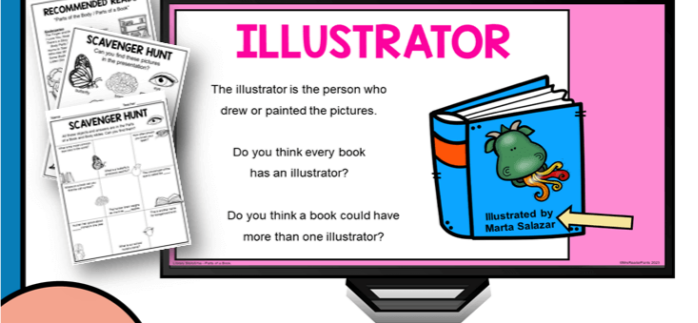
GRADES
K-2

"Fiction and Nonfiction"



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PARTS OF A BOOK STORYTIME



ILLUSTRATOR

The illustrator is the person who drew or painted the pictures.

Do you think every book has an illustrator?

Do you think a book could have more than one illustrator?

Illustrated by Marta Salazar

GRADES
K-2

For Libraries and Classrooms

