

NEWS MEDIA

LIBRARY STORYTIME LESSON



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

World 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?

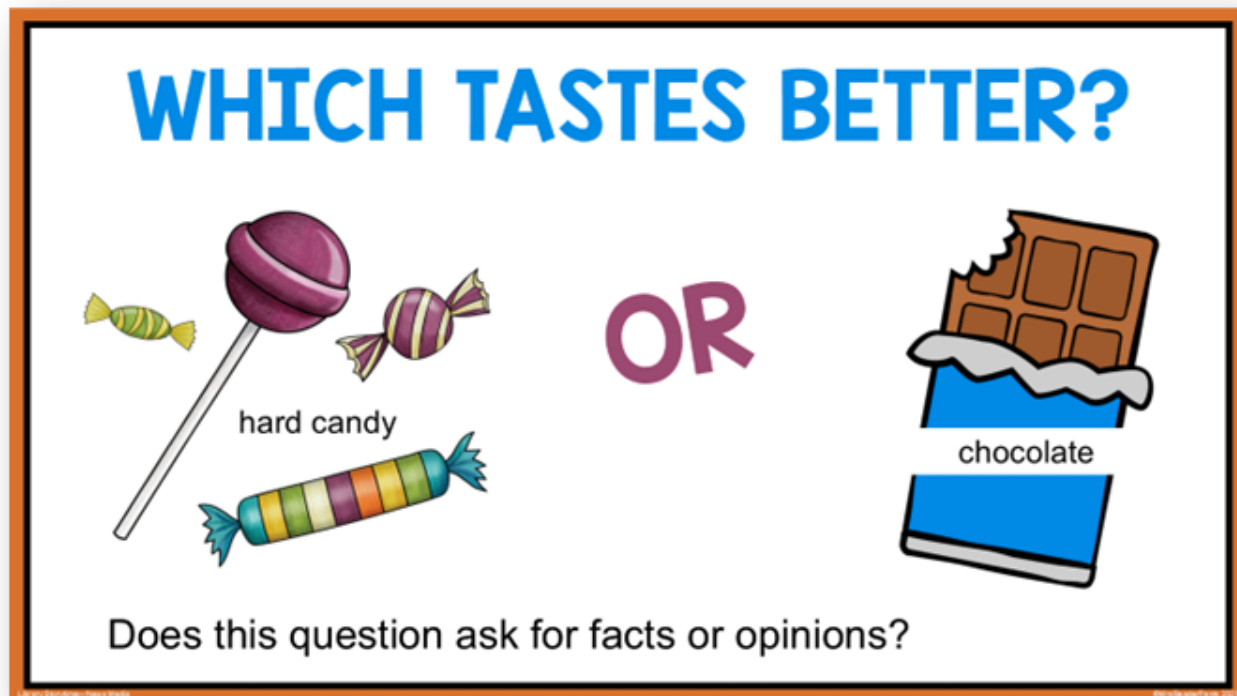
Sometimes the news can be scary, even for adults.

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



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.

MORE FAKE AI IMAGES

What mistakes can you find in these AI images?



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

PRINTABLE ACTIVITIES

SCAVENGER HUNT

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



the planet Saturn



a photo of popcorn





a photo of pizza



SCAVENGER HUNT




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

<p>This idiom describes a brand-new news story</p> 	<p>What is sand made of?</p>
<p>What is our school counselor's name?</p>	<p>What are some ways to tell something is an opinion?</p>
<p>A person who saw something happen is called an _____</p> 	<p>WOULD YOU RATHER Read about fantasy dragons or read about real Kon dragons?</p>

ANSWER KEY

SCAVENGER HUNT

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

<p>This idiom describes a brand-new news story</p> <p>"breaking news"</p> 	<p>What is sand made of?</p> <p>rocks, minerals, broken shells</p>	<p>Someone's thoughts and feelings are called their _____</p> <p>opinions</p>
<p>What is our school counselor's name?</p> <p>(your school counselor's name)</p>	<p>What are some ways to tell something is an opinion?</p> <p>"I think..." "I believe..." "better/worse than"</p> 	<p>A _____ is true for everyone. It can be proven through research.</p> <p>fact</p> 

RECOMMENDED READS

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"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 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. You will play the PowerPoint where you will teach this lesson.
- If you have a slide remote, make sure you have it in your lesson area or where you will teach.
- Look through your slides to make sure they are all there.
- Learn the sign language for the presentation (see Slide edit mode). Practice the sign language.
- Organize your slides. Do you want to move any of them up into the presentation? Do you want to change levels?
- Set your timings if you are using a projector. (Instructions included at the bottom of the slide.)
- If you are using this theme, make sure you have it up on a display of read-aloud.
- Do you want to use any of the photos you put them in your storytime?

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

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GRADES

TYPE GRADE LEVEL(S) HERE

SUPPLIES AND RESOURCES NEEDED

- Computer, projector or speakers
- Books for read-aloud
- Copies of Recommended Read-Alouds and parents
- Crayons, colored pencils

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, and listening, including using frequently occurring conjunctions to signal simple relationships.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.3.5

Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships and nuances in general.

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)

READ-ALoud(S)


TYPE READ-ALoud TITLES HERE

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?

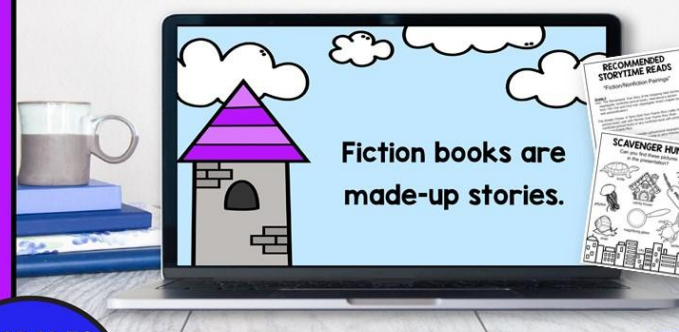
GRADES
K-3

"Library Book Care"



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LIBRARY STORYTIME



Fiction books are
made-up stories.

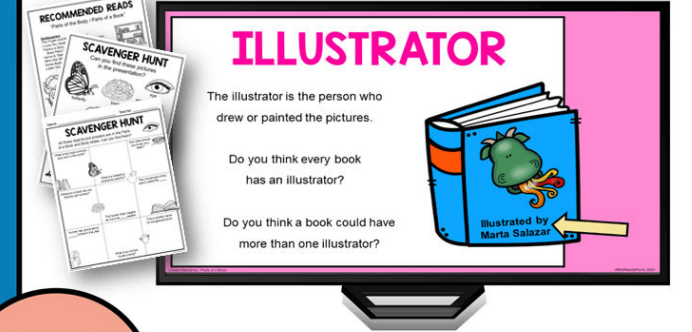
GRADES
K-2

"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

