

Professional Development Opportunities with WGTE Public Media

High School and Middle School

The American Revolution / America 250 Resources

Explore the Ken Burns in the Classroom Collection from PBS LearningMedia. These are standards - based materials created to accompany the new American Revolution documentary. In addition, learn about the American Revolution Youth Media Challenge and share local history resources.

Using Visual Literacy Techniques in the Classroom

Learn how to hone your students' critical thinking, communication, and social and emotional skills by teaching them how to think visually. Identify and practice three simple questions to get your students thinking and discussing all sorts of visual images tied to your curriculum.

Podcasting in the Classroom

Discuss how podcasting can be used in the classroom and explore NPR's podcasting curriculum and student podcast challenge.

Elementary School

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How to Help Students Ask (Better) Questions

Using Laurie Keller's *Wake Me Up in 20 Coconuts!* and the Question Formulation Technique (QFT) developed by The Right Question Institute, examine strategies to create a classroom culture where inquiry is not only accepted but celebrated.

Preschool

Visual Literacy Techniques for Preschoolers

Learn how to harness images, picture books, and videos to boost early language and literacy skills. This OCCRRA-approved workshop explores visual literacy and how to engage preschoolers using Visual Thinking Strategies in fun, interactive ways

Teaching Computational Thinking Skills through Stories

Discover how storytelling can introduce PreK–2nd graders to computational thinking. This OCCRRA-approved workshop helps teachers use stories to build key skills like pattern recognition, sequencing, and cause and effect—laying the groundwork for future coding.

Grow Happy Kids

Teach preschoolers healthy habits through the lens of gardening. This OCCRRA-approved workshop uses PBS LearningMedia's *Happy Healthy Kid* resources to promote nutrition and physical activity in fun, age-appropriate ways

Playing to Learn

Explore the serious side of play. Learn about the six stages of play and how they support children's cognitive, social, and literacy development. Discover strategies to enhance pretend and dramatic play in preschool classrooms through this OCCRRA-approved workshop.