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Media Literacy Syllabus 2016-2017

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Welcome to Media Literacy! I am so excited to meet and get to know you and all of the amazing stories and skills you have. We will be doing a lot of talking and thinking in this class.

What is this class even about?

Throughout the class, you will:
- Develop and deepen your understanding of media to include all modes and methods of communication including- the internet, phones, newspapers, and more.
- Understand that media is constructed and biased.
- Develop a framework for interpreting hidden and implied messages in media.
- Think critically about social media, digital citizenship, and online safety.

We will be using a lot of different and unconventional "texts" throughout the course, including: television, movies, facebook and instagram, youtube, blogs, and more.

We will also be engaging in independent, "Genius hour" projects of your choosing, which I will introduce next week.

Procedures:

Bathroom: School rules state that you may **not** use the bathroom in the first OR last 10 minutes of class. Between those times, you should use the bathroom as you need. Please be conscious of when you leave, you are responsible for figuring out what you missed while you were taking care of business.

Homework: You should be about to do all your work in class! Sometimes I will ask you to watch or read something small, or I might ask you to find a commercial or advertisement to bring in, but it should never take longer than 20 minutes.

Independent work: If you are having trouble doing work in class during our independent work periods, or feel overwhelmed by work, please talk to me as soon as you can, we will work it out together.

Genius Hour: You will all be choosing your own independent passion project. You will have to propose a project you want to learn about and create your own syllabus for how you will learn it, and then you will assess your learning and present your findings to the class!