

## **Using Accessible Texts to Develop Critical Literacies**

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In today's media-saturated world, students are required to engage with a plurality of text types and modes. To navigate the overt and covert messages of these texts, they need strategies, tools and practice to help them become critical consumers of information, but how can we facilitate this in class, in an active, accessible and meaningful way? In this workshop, we will explore how the use of short, varied texts in simple communicative activities can build student confidence with textual analysis by minimizing linguistic and psychological barriers to literacy.

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