

Spark students' curiosity and engage them like never before. Whether they are watching a video, viewing a primary source document or playing a video game, digital media offers students a gateway to a new level of learning. Supercharge your lessons and personalize learning experiences with these quick tips and digital resources from PBS LearningMedia.

8 Tips for Effectively Integrating Digital Media in Your Classroom

- 1** Before class, preview the digital resources you'll be using to make sure they are appropriate for your students and meet the goals of your lesson.
- 2** Introduce students to new vocabulary or key themes that relate to the digital content and ask them to make predictions about what they will see and learn.
- 3** Give your students a focus for their interaction with a digital image, video or interactive. Provide them with a set of questions to answer, a key idea on which to take notes or a specific perspective from which to analyze the content.
- 4** Instruct your students to watch a video clip or play an interactive more than once to emphasize critical thinking, analysis, observation and listening skills.
- 5** Encourage your students to think critically about the production values of a piece of media. Guide discussions about how creators of media use techniques to affect viewers' perceptions and reactions to content.
- 6** Invite your students to think about how the concepts they encountered in the digital environment relate to the real world. Encourage them to share new ideas or questions that were sparked as they watched a video or played an interactive.
- 7** Give your students a hands-on experience to create their own digital content to apply, reinforce, and demonstrate what they have learned.
- 8** Keep up-to-date on the latest digital trends and content your students find engaging. Don't shy away from letting your students teach you about new digital tools, videos or games they are using.

5 PBS LearningMedia Collections to Expand Your Digital Classroom

Get Your Tech On Collection

<http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/Tech/>

Spark discussion in your classroom with these technology-themed resources.

Flipped Learning Collection

<http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/flippedlearning/>

Use this special flipped collection to celebrate Flipped Learning Day on 10/01/14!

KQED Education Digital Tools

<http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/digital-tools/>

These short video tutorials cover the basics for how to use free online tools for teaching and learning.

Be Inspired, Be an Innovator

<http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/be-inspired-be-an-innovator/>

Explore the critical and creative skills that engineers, scientists and artists rely on to develop innovative products and processes.

The Design Process: From Idea to Solution

<http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/from-idea-to-solution-the-design-process/>

Explore how the design process can be used for the invention of practical solutions to some of the world's most pressing problems.

