

# Introduction to New Literacies

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What does it mean to be literate?

Write a brief statement about what it means to be literate.



Use your magic box to  
find the answer.

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# Critical literacies

- Ability to find, evaluate, and use information in any format
- Determine intended audience and purpose
- Recognize norms of the mode
- Collaborate
- Engage with technology appropriately, effectively, efficiently, and ethically.



# New Literacies

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Read

Write

Speak

View

Listen

Demonstrate

Present

Collaborate

Behave ethically



# To be functionally literate, students need new literacies

What is new literacy and why is it important?

- Using new literacies **helps students to learn in an interactive and dynamic environment**. Students access resources and materials to foster a global connectedness that reaches far beyond the walls of their schools. They also use different tools and strategies to learn about a specific topic.

# Some forms of literacy

Traditional

Media

Digital

Science

Health

Financial

Civic/social

What literacies  
have you used  
this past week?

- Basic: print on page
- Digital: using technology
- Media: decode messages in the systems where they exist
- Science: facts, research, knowledge
- Financial: understand and use money
- Civic/social: cultural norms
- Health: making decisions for self, community, planet



# Why do new literacies matter?

***How*** you teach is as important as ***what*** you teach!