

Vermont PBS Kids and Education: November 2021

Vermont Public Broadcasting System (PBS) and the Agency of Education (AOE) continue their partnership to support learning for Vermont students and school communities heading into the new school year. This partnership provides access to free educational programming, curricular connections, offline kits, and distance learning tutorials through [Vermont PBS Kids and Education](#).

The Broadcast Schedule can be found [online](#), for in classroom or take-home enrichment.

Would you like to know more? Watch the webinars:

- [Beyond Screen Time: The Fundamentals of PBS Navigation](#) (1 Hour)
- [Playful Learning Collections for Home: Resources for Parents](#) (1 Hour)
- [Molly of Denali: Indigenous Cultural and Informational Text](#) (1 Hour)

Join the Vermont PBS Educational Resources group on [Edmodo](#) and share resources related to PBS programming and classroom strategies. To join the group:

- Activate your Edmodo account and join the VTED Learns community by filling out [this form](#).
- [Join the group](#) with the link provided or the group code “zyqyd4.”

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As a primary resource, [PBS LearningMedia](#) provides recommended collections for PreK-12 resources for in-person or remote instruction, both with or without internet access. These are anytime, anywhere resources.

Teacher Resources Accessible Ahead to Stream On-demand and Through Broadcast

Teachers and community members can navigate resources in two ways:

1. Access weekly thematic bundles with specific episodes highlighted per week by content area and age-level that are available to stream on-demand. These episodes connect to specific resources on [PBS LearningMedia](#) and [PBS Kids for Parents](#).
2. Use the [Vermont PBS grids](#) with the Incorporating PBS guides to help pick and choose specific educational series that align with content focus, standard, and age-level. Not all content is available on-demand.

Looking for Specific Content Connections?

- Go to [PBS LearningMedia](#) and search by content, standard, or grade.
- Search resources by using the [Incorporating PBS Documents](#) by series, age, or content.

Celebrate Winter and National Native American History Month

Collections you might like...

Create Caring Communities this Winter – A collection for teaching kids about empathy and kindness. We can encourage these moments of sharing throughout the season with [DIY crafts, printables, and recipes](#) on PBS KIDS for Parents; and teachers can do so by [creating a caring classroom community](#) for early learners using these resources from PBS LearningMedia.

- [Expanding Narratives Using Media](#) – This planning kit has resources, tips, and professional development opportunities rooted in supporting critical media literacy skills. Media literacy education emphasizes skills of inquiry and expression and empowers students to think critically, communicate effectively, and engage as active citizens. (All Grades)
- [Teach Your Way Calendar November 2021](#) – This planning kit includes templates and tools that include ways to integrate Media Literacy into your classroom. (PreK-Grade 5)
- Find new SEL resources for your classroom (English/Spanish) with [Alma's Way](#) (PreK-Grade 2)
- [Teaching Students to Critically Analyze Media: Empowering Young Media Consumers and Creators](#) – This professional learning series considers how to tackle misinformation, how to analyze digital media, and why it's important for students. Prioritizing fun, engaging and accessible tools for your students, the series will highlight techniques for analyzing media, and amplifying student voice through authentic storytelling. (Middle and High)
- Take time to check out PBS LearningMedia's new [Student Portal](#) allowing students to search with tech savvy.

Preschool

World Culture: [Let's Go Luna Collection](#) includes lesson plans, interactives and activities including:

- [Developing Cultural Awareness: Learning with Littles Virtual Learning Series for Teachers](#) (professional learning series)
- [Let's Go Luna Activity Starters](#) (English/Spanish) – Download and use to compliment a short clip or classroom topic. Conversation cards available for school and home for all PBS Kids content including interactive puppet theater, stick puppets, and more.
- PBSLM: [Greetings from Around the World](#)
- National Geographic for Kids: [Countries](#) (facts and photos)
- PBS Parents: [Where Would You Go?](#) (printable activity)

Kindergarten to Grade 2

Informational Text and Culture: Molly of Denali

- PBSLM and Broadcast: [Molly of Denali's](#) special story focuses on civil rights leader Elizabeth Peratrovich who was instrumental in the passing of the first anti-discrimination law in the United States in 1945.
- Check out [All Star Teacher Series: Culturally Responsive Teaching with Molly of Denali](#) webinar.
- Activity: [Molly of Denali Honoring Indigenous Experience Roadmap](#).

- Need a resource to send home? Check out the [Ready to Learn: Molly of Denali Home and Community Collection](#).

Join us in celebrating **National Native American Heritage Month**. Check out our professional learning webinar, [Indigenous Cultural and Informational Text Resources](#) co-hosted by our very own Vermont Agency of Education specialists and Vermont PBS. Check out these resources to learn more about Abenaki culture and history.

- Abenaki Arts and Education Center: [Children’s Literature](#) – Use this selection of picture books and novels by Abenaki authors to bring Abenaki history and culture into the classroom.
- Kiddle: [Abenaki Facts for Kids](#)
- The History Junkie: [Abenaki Facts, History, and Culture](#)

Literacy/ELA

- [Cultivating Young Book Lovers: For the Love of Lit](#) – PBSLM webinar series for teachers. This is among several related webinars which include Encouraging Bright Thinkers, Including All Readers, Inspiring Young Authors, and Literature Circles.

Grades 3-5

Science

- PBSLM: [Life’s Instruction Manual](#) – Interactive lesson from UNC-TV Science about the human genome
- PBSLM: [More Alike than Different](#) – 5E Lesson (Engage, Explore, Explain, Evaluate, Extend) from UNC-TV Science, including discussion questions, handouts, vocabulary, and student activities

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- Vermont History: [Abenaki in Vermont Kits Teacher’s Guide](#) and additional resources. The history kit contains a teachers' guide for texts/literature, activities, and research projects. For each section of the history kit, the Teacher’s Guide provides teaching objectives, reference books, a list of related artifacts, images and stories, background information, and discussion questions.

Middle School

Math and the Arts: [Jazz](#) by Ken Burns

- PBSLM: [Focused Inquiry: Did the Radio Make Jazz Better?](#)
- NAFME: [Jazz Education Resources](#)
- [Ken Burns in the Classroom Collection](#) – Browse by era or by film; jump to lesson plans and classroom resources by topic.
- Vermont AOE: [Incorporating Ken Burns into Your Classroom](#)

Join us celebrating **National Native American Heritage Month**. Check out [UNLADYLIKE All-Stars Collection: Amplifying Indigenous Experience](#) gallery walk, which includes lesson plans titled Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate, and Evaluate at the Middle School Level.

High School

ELA and the Arts: [Get Lit and the Power of Poetry](#) – Arts education can increase teen literacy through the power of spoken word. Inspire creative expression and social-emotional learning with this collection of culturally relevant narratives.

- KCET: [Artbound – Arts Education](#) – Explore the values that arts education provides for all young people and communities, to build the foundation for an inclusive and economically vibrant society.
- Vermont Arts Council: [Poetry Out Loud](#) – National poetry recitation competition
 - Classroom Resources: [recitation tips](#), [lesson plans and activities](#), [Proficiency-Based Learning connections](#), and [NCTE, NCAS, and Common Core Standards](#)
 - [Vermont Poetry Out Loud Archive and PBS Resources](#)

Social Studies and Civics: [Unforgiveable Blackness](#) by Ken Burns

- NBS News: [Trump Grants Posthumous Pardon to Black Boxing Champ Jack Johnson](#) (article)
- BoxRec: [Jack Johnson](#) – Statistics from every fight, 1897-1931
- Smithsonian Magazine: [The Legacy of “The Great White Hope”](#) – Discussion about how Johnson’s life was adapted to stage and screen.
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