



WELCOME!

Can you believe we're halfway there? It's almost impossible to believe that half the school year has passed and what a year it's been so far. Some of you have been teaching in person; some have been managing your own children while you teach others from your living room, and some of you are doing both! Even though a vaccine seems right around the corner, the waiting seems endless. And we know life has been forever altered for many of us. We are speaking with educators, and have been thinking deeply about what we can do to support your teaching practice. We know that many of you have used the PBS Teacher Planning Kits for New School Routines, but for some of you, these planning kits are new. Our intention when we created them was to connect to the support we're offering to teachers, parents and families, to make the most of PBS LearningMedia (all free!), and to reflect the hard fact that not all of your students have internet access. We know each teacher has their own unique circumstances and needs. We hope these planning kits help you navigate your routine, whatever that may be.

We will make two more kits after this one, taking us all the way through the end of the school year. We want these kits to work for you, so as always, we are actively seeking feedback about how we can improve this resource or any of our available resources. Please do not hesitate to tell us what you think: what works, and what you would change because we're learning together.

We hope you had a good rest over the holiday, and that you are staying safe. Please remember to grab moments for self-care whenever you can. We continue to stand with you.

Love from your friends at PBS



Kit Basics/Checklist

This is the third of five kits that have been created to coincide with broadcast programs for students that do not have internet access, but many of the lessons and resources will be relevant throughout the year. You can find [past kits](#) on PBS LearningMedia. **Here are a few basic things to help make the most out of this resource.**

Check your email

As a PBS LearningMedia registered user, you will receive an email with the latest planning kit approximately every eight weeks. To make sure you're registered, sign up [here](#).

Mark your calendar

Each planning kit is supported by a webinar where peers from around the country will share how they're using the latest kit to plan instruction. Join us! Webinars will be held at 7PM ET, on the following dates:

- **January 14, 2021**
- **March 11, 2021**
- **May 6, 2021**

Watch, Teach, Explore

The kits are intended to help you plan your lessons up to eight weeks ahead of time, based on themes and content relevant to what you're teaching in your classroom. To increase accessibility, many of these resources are connected to broadcast content for students without internet access, and some of the content is available in Spanish. **NOTE: Some of the broadcast content airs outside of school hours. To use this content, we recommend you share the details about how to view it after school hours with students and their parents.**

Where possible, we have also included media that can be viewed online anytime, whether you're teaching in person or virtually (or both!).

Our planning sheets are divided into three sections: Watch, Teach, Explore. The "Watch" section includes broadcast and/or online media. The "Teach" section connects activities, games, and lessons directly to the featured media. Finally, the "Explore" section leads you to additional resources that can help you plan a more comprehensive lesson on that particular topic or theme.

Sign in to PBS LearningMedia and visit regularly

The kits, along with links to much of the content, can be found in the [PBS LearningMedia](#) collection called [Resources for New School Routines](#). Also, the more you become familiar with PBS LearningMedia, the more resources and tools you'll find and use.

Check in with your local PBS station

PBS Stations around the country offer endless resources for educators and parents. This [Google doc](#) highlights these resources, including several upcoming webinars for teachers of all grades and subjects.

Share with parents

The Planning Kits connect directly with [dozens of resources for parents](#), including our weekly ["Learn Along" Bingo](#) packets for PreK-K and Grades 1-2, which are available in English and Spanish. We encourage you to share these resources and the worksheets with the parents and families of your students.

Find more PBS and PBS KIDS resources

PBS KIDS and PBS are thrilled to be able to provide thousands of free resources to support new school routines, and at home learning.

- [PBS KIDS website](#): Thousands of videos, games, and activities for kids featuring their favorite shows and characters.
- [PBS KIDS for Parents](#): Tips, fun activities, and resources for parents and families.
- [PBS Teachers' Lounge](#): Blog site designed to inspire your teaching.
- [PBS LearningMedia](#): Thousands of free, standards-aligned lessons and teaching tools.

Watch the webinar

If you missed the welcome webinar, please find it [here](#). It is full of helpful hints and fun ideas about how to use the featured content.

Tell us what you think

We are learning and building WITH you. We would love to hear your feedback about these kits, or any of the other available resources. Please feel free to email us with questions and comments: what's working for you, and what can be improved.



What's in the Planning Kit?

You can count on these four sections to be included in all five of the planning kits distributed throughout the year.

Special Lessons and Collections

Each kit includes featured lessons or collections designed to provide additional support around timely topics you're likely covering in your classes. For example, in this kit, you'll find a feature section dedicated to race and racial justice. This is the first section of the kit.

Planning Sheet: PreK-5

A plan-ahead guide for PreK-5 educators that includes the weekly "Learn Along" Bingo packet for PreK-K and Grades 1-2 and connects to a variety of resources developed for teachers and parents of children PreK-5. The broadcast content relates to the PBS KIDS 24/7 channel, available on most cable and streaming services like Apple TV, Roku, and Amazon Fire. You can also stream directly from the [PBS KIDS Video app](#). You can find the entire [PBS KIDS 24/7 broadcast schedule](#) here if you're interested in planning lessons around PBS KIDS shows.

Planning Sheet: 6-12

This is the special plan-ahead guide for 6-12 educators. The broadcast content connects to the WORLD channel [At-Home Learning block](#), which offers five hours of programming for students, grades 6-12, every weekday. [Check with your local station](#) to find out where and when to watch.

Relevant Professional Learning

Each kit will include links to existing or upcoming professional learning opportunities related to the featured content. These may be short tutorials, webinars or webinar series, self-paced courses, or blog posts. In this first kit, all the highlighted professional learning relates to using PBS LearningMedia, or ideas and tips for remote teaching.

PBS All-Stars Lessons

This elementary and secondary lesson was created by [PBS Digital Innovator All-Stars](#) Mariana Athayde, Gabe Garcia, Crystal Monteiro and Warren Wise. They focus on bringing conversations about race, racial justice and advocacy into the classroom.



Explore Racial Justice and Advocacy | PBS All-Stars Lessons

▶ WATCH

[PBS KIDS Talk about: Race & Racism](#)

PBS KIDS spoke with real families and had conversations about racial identity, anti-Black racism, and how it is incumbent on all of us — children and parents alike — to actively work towards building a more equitable society.

▶ TEACH

This workshop is designed to inspire and urge you and your students to start a dialogue on race, racial justice and advocacy. We encourage you to reflect on your personal racial journey prior to presenting and exploring this content with your students. Our ultimate goal is to provide you with tools to create a more equitable classroom community that includes placing student voice in the forefront of all classroom decisions.

▶ EXPLORE

This workshop contains three lessons that highlight race, racism and John Lewis's 'good trouble.' Students will actively watch different clips of [PBS KIDS talk about: Race & Racism](#), and engage in difficult conversations around racial justice in a developmentally appropriate manner. Students will learn how to about differences and stand up and speak out for change — even if that means getting into some 'good trouble.' Media can be used to pose a problem or as a simple conversation practice while building language skills and increasing student participation.

Racial Justice | PBS All-Stars Lessons

▶ WATCH

[THROUGH THE NIGHT](#)
directed by Loira Limbal

▶ TEACH

This lesson is designed to use media as a tool to bring conversations about race, justice and equity into the classroom. It is critical that you, as the educator, lean into any discomfort you may be feeling and use that as an opportunity to learn with your students. You do not need to have every answer, this lesson will help bring more authentic and real conversations into your classroom.

▶ EXPLORE

Using clips from [THROUGH THE NIGHT](#), students will think critically about what justice means and who it pertains to. Students will also dive into identifying racial justice and injustices within their community. Through the various activities and conversations students will begin to identify the systems at play.