## Social Studies Education

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Lesson Title: Representations of Women in Politics in Modern Media, Standard 19
Grade Level: 8
Essential Question: How are women in politics represented in the media?

## Lesson Foundations

| Content Standards | ONLS 8.19 Informed citizens understand how media and communication technology influence public opinion. CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.8.2 Analyze the purpose of information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and evaluate the motives (e.g., social, commercial, political) behind its presentation. |  |  |
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| Learning Objective(s) | 1) Students will be able to examine how women in politics are portrayed using various media formats. <br> 2) Students will be able to assess the ways that media and technology influence public opinion using specific examples from class. | Assessment(s) <br> Include LO being <br> addressed | 1) Guided Questions Handout (L01) <br> 2) Class Discussion (LO1) <br> 3) Exit Slip (LO1, LO2) |
| Materials \& Resources | -Article from Origins "Madame President: A History of the Women Who Ran Before Hillary." http://origins.osu.edu/article/madame-president-history-women-who-ran-hillary/page/0/1 <br> -Political Cartoon 1 \& 2, Donald Trump tweet, Political Ad 1 \& 2 <br> -Guided Handout <br> -PowerPoint Presentation <br> -Video for modeling instruction: https://youtu.be/NdKsA4q-FFA |  |  |

## Instructional Procedures/Steps

|  | Teacher will... | Student will... |
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| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Opening } \\ & \ldots 5 \_ \text {Minutes } \end{aligned}$ | 1. Set Up <br> - Tables are arranged into five different stations, numbered 1-5 <br> - Distribute note cards to students <br> - Make copies of guided question handouts <br> 2. LO's and agenda (2 minutes) <br> - Review LO's and agenda with students | 1. Set Up <br> - Sit in groups of four to five students <br> 2. LO's and agenda <br> - Student volunteers read LO's |


|  | - Agenda and LO's in the PowerPoint <br> 3. Word Association Activity (3 minutes) <br> - Say "On your notecard, write down any words that come to mind when I say.... <br> President <br> Women in politics <br> Hillary Clinton <br> Media's role in politics" <br> - Space words/phrases approximately 10 second apart while students think and write <br> - Take volunteers to share their answers <br> - Tell students to keep these words and phrases in mind throughout the lesson and be thinking about what may have influenced their responses | - Listen during the review of agenda, ask questions when needed <br> 3. Word Association Activity <br> - Student answers will vary, looking for answers similar to: <br> White, male, leader <br> Criticized, modern <br> Lies, emails <br> Money, bias, advertising <br> - Volunteers share their responses with the class |
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| Instruction _ 41__ Minutes | 1. Transition (10 minutes) <br> - Model activity using Hillary Clinton Campaign Ad <br> - Say "Today we are going to be looking at various forms of media and determining how women in politics are portrayed in the media." <br> - Show video https://youtu.be/NdKsA4q-FFA <br> - Discussion Questions for video presented in PowerPoint: <br> a. Who is the intended audience of this video? <br> b. What message do you think this video is trying to send about women in politics? <br> c. Is this video projecting a positive or negative perspective of the candidate? How do you know? <br> d. Do you think this video is effective in persuading public opinion? <br> 2. Expectations (1 minute) | 1. Transition <br> - Watch the video clip and respond to the discussion questions. <br> a. Generations, families, mothers, daughters, people who work with children <br> b. Women are caring, care about children, are trustworthy, dependable in crisis <br> c. Positive, it emphasizes positive and admirable traits that one would want to see in the leader of his/her country <br> d. Answers will vary. Look for: Yes it is effective because it appeals to families and children and shows specific examples of the work Hillary has done. <br> 2. Expectations <br> - Listen to instructions and adhere to expectations |

- Explain students will be working with the students at their table to determine the audiences and perspectives of certain images.
- Randomly pass out an image to each table, and guided handout to each student
- Tell students they have 10 minutes to examine the image and fill out the handout


## 3. Group Work (10 minutes)

- Monitor student group work
- Check in with each group. Ask questions to groups to start conversation:
- Do you notice anything particular about the way she is drawn? Look at her facial features, colors used, etc.
- What kind of language is used in this image? Does it seem positive or negative?
- What does the picture of her suggest about how our society views women in politics?
- Can you think of other instances where the media portrays a certain group in a particular way?

4. Whole Class Discussion (20 minutes)

- Ask one group to volunteer to share their findings about their image.
- Project the image on the smartboard for each group.
- Each group discusses the answers to the questions on the guided handout.
- Leave time for other students to ask questions.
- Clarify any misconceptions and emphasize key concepts as they come up.
- Each group takes a turn presenting.
- Following each group's presentation, ask the whole group:

3. Group work

- Each group examines the image given to them
- Answer the corresponding questions on the guided handout


## 4. Whole Class Discussion

- Each group will take a turn sharing their responses with the whole class

|  | - Can someone explain how one of these images influences public opinion? <br> - What kind of overall messages do you think our media portrays about women in politics? <br> - Did you notice any similarities across the images? What do you think the purpose of these similarities are? <br> - Allow 2-3 students to answer each. | - The political cartoon with Hillary at the podium implies that whenever Hillary opens her mouth, she is lying. It makes people think that Hillary would not make a good president because she lies. <br> - They are misrepresented, incapable, and unfit to be in a leadership position. <br> - Many of the images use red, white, and blue colors. I think these colors are included to remind viewers of American patriotism and what being an American "really means." |
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| Closure _5__ Minutes | 1. Wrap Up (1 minute) <br> - Collect guided handouts. <br> - Tell students to clean up their areas and gather their belongings. <br> 2. Exit Slip (4 minutes) <br> - Distribute exit slips <br> - Reflect on the activity we did today. How does the media influence public opinion? <br> - How do you think this impacts individual decision making? | 1. Wrap Up <br> - Turn in guided handouts to the paper submission tray. <br> - Tidy up their area, return all materials <br> - When finished, raise hand. Teacher will pass out exit slip <br> 2. Exit Slip <br> - Respond to both questions on exit slip <br> - Leave exit slip at the center of the table before leaving |
| Modifications/Accom modations/Enrichme nt | Video Example <br> - Model how to use the questions on the guided hand <br> - Video is played with closed captions for ELL stud <br> Guided Handout <br> - Students are working in groups to analyze images, <br> - Teacher monitors students, asks probing questio <br> - Provide differentiated versions of the handout, o and bolded terms to help struggling readers and students that do not need them <br> Class Discussion <br> - Go over answers as a class to help struggling stu <br> - Incorporate various levels of Bloom's to appeal <br> Exit Slip <br> - Provide differentiation exit slips, one version with struggling readers and writers, and a version wi | ndout to model thinking process for students ents and struggling students <br> s, struggling students can receive help from their peers ns <br> ne with lines to support struggling writers and ELL students, ELL students; and a version without these supports for <br> dents <br> to learners at all levels <br> h lines and bolded terms to support ELL students and hout these added supports |

