



Week: January 31- February 4th

Monday's Activities

Theme: Does it all add up?

Story of the Week

[Media Meltdown](https://bit.ly/3s8gGIX) <https://bit.ly/3s8gGIX>

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Let's Explore Literacy

Whether fiction or non-fiction, point of view is important to consider when analyzing a story. Understanding the POV of different characters or individuals can help you get to the truth or gain a deeper understanding of the motivations of certain individuals.

In Media Meltdown, there are several characters that stand in opposition to each other. Choose 3 characters and create a "profile" of them, with the following information:

-age, family (if applicable), skills, motivations, other applicable information.

Let's Explore Math

When it comes to Financial Literacy, it's important to know when to use certain payment methods.

1. Create a chart with the following methods of payment and identify, describe, and explain the advantages and disadvantages of paying for goods and services with various methods of payment (e.g., cash, debit card, credit card, e-Transfer, cheque, coupons, rewards or points from loyalty program).

2. Which method of payment would you use for the following items? Why?

- A) Cell Phone
- B) Banana
- C) Car

Let's Explore Art and Movement

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As mentioned yesterday, POV is very important to understand when analyzing a story.

To get some practice with understanding POV, choose one of your favourite stories and reverse the characters to create a new narrative. Write the story in full.

An example of a flipped story is taking the 3 Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf and turning it into the The Big Bad Pig and the 3 Little Wolves.

Let's Explore Math

1. Research the financial definitions of *interest*, *interest rate*, *inflation* and *fees*. Use articles, dictionaries, and videos to make sure you understand the concepts. Create a list of definitions so you can refer to them later in the week.

2. Find offers from 2 different banks that include savings accounts with an interest rate.

A) Which is the best offer?

B) What is the current rate of inflation in Canada? How does this affect savings?

Let's Explore Art and Movement

Drawing is easy for some and challenging for others. Regardless of your comfort level with drawing, video tutorials are a great way to establish a foundation of "go-to" items that you can easily draw. Check out and replicate this drawing tutorial and find some others to boost your skills! <https://bit.ly/3fWZlge>



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Let's Explore Literacy

In Media Meltdown, there is significant editing to the footage that changes the meaning of the videos. This has a big effect on what viewers think about the main story.

1. Write a 6 word story (yes only 6 words!) to explain Media Meltdown
2. Edit the story and try to change it's meaning by adding, subtracting, or changing certain words. See how far you can get from the original meaning by just changing one word.

Let's Explore Math

Choose three different countries from around the world and find their current exchange rate for each currency compared to the Canadian dollar. Also find the exchange rate for Bitcoin.

Why aren't the currencies from all countries equal?

Choose one country and track the currency using a chart. (google will help you find a chart). Has the currency gone up or down in value over the last year, 5 years, 10 years?

Compare that currency to a chart showing the Turkish Lira from 2021. What do you notice? What do you wonder?

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Let's Explore Literacy

In Media Meltdown, one of the main themes is media ownership. When a large corporation owns many companies, there is a possibility that there would be a conflict of interest. For example, if a corporation owns a mining company and a news company, the news company may not accurately or fairly report on issues regarding the mining company.

1. Choose a media company (Fox, Disney, NBC, ABC, etc)
2. Research to find out what corporation owns the media company.
3. What else does the corporation own?
4. How might the ownership structure impact fair reporting?

Let's Explore Math

Imagine that Tam has \$100.

How much money would they have after one year if they left it in their dresser drawer?

How much would they have after one year if they put it in a savings account with an annual interest rate of .5% and a monthly fee of \$8?

How much money would they have after one year if they put it in a savings account with an annual interest rate of .2% and no monthly fee?

What impact does the interest have in each scenario?

Which scenario has the best return after one year?

For these scenarios, assume that the interest is paid annually at the end of the year.

How does inflation affect the total amount?

Create a chart to show all scenarios.

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Let's Explore Literacy

Read this story about corporate ownership of news media. <https://bit.ly/3Klq1j6>

In the story, several issues are brought up including the Trans Pacific Partnership and Fracking.

If a corporation owns a fracking company or is benefiting from the TPP, what effect might this have if they also own a news media company?

If necessary, read more about both of these issues prior to responding.

Let's Explore Math

Borrowing money is a necessary part of life. Nearly everyone will borrow money from someone else at some point in their life.

Describe the pros and cons of borrowing from the following sources:

- A) Friends
- B) Family
- C) Bank

What method would you choose if you needed to borrow money as an adult? Why?

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