



# COMBAT HATE: A DIGITAL MEDIA LITERACY WORKSHOP

## OVERVIEW OF LESSON

This dynamic classroom-based digital media literacy workshop engages students in critical thinking for decoding and rejecting online hate. COMBAT HATE is an online safety curriculum aligned with ISTE digital citizenship standards and based on foundational media literacy skills. Students will apply Center for Media Literacy’s 5 key questions to diverse real-life examples compiled by the Simon Wiesenthal Center’s Research Department. They are challenged to interpret the hateful messages and their impact. This workshop concludes with a tangible action plan that provides students with resources and responses to use when encountering online hate.

**APPROXIMATE TIME**  
45-50 MINUTES

**GRADE LEVELS**  
7-12

**ISBE approved Illinois State Learning Standards (English Language Arts, Media Literacy, Social Science) and Illinois Inclusive American History Mandates:**

**[IL EDUCATION STANDARDS CROSSWALK - COMBAT HATE](#)**

## ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS AND ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS

**During this lesson students will explore the following essential questions:**

- How does social media influence your perception of other people and communities?
- Does what you share online impact other people?
- Does hate online have an impact or consequences in the real-world?
- Do you think about how other people will be impacted by what you share online?
- Does hate on social media affect you?
- How can students fight back against hate on social media?

**As a result of this experience, students will engage in the following enduring understandings:**

- Students will analyze examples of curated identity-based hate-speech on social media to understand the messages within them.
- Students will identify the ways that hate-filled propaganda online can lead to real-world consequences.
- Students will be able to evaluate their digital citizenship and formulate action steps to combat online hate-speech.

