



Mr. Barge's Instructional Tip of the Week! – Using video clips

There are more resources available to us today than ever before. As we continue to develop engaging lesson activities, such access to resources helps us to support all students in the classroom and enhance their overall learning experience. Having the technology in the classroom, such as interactive boards, makes it even easier to access such resources as well.

During our unit on the Great Depression, we looked closely at the 1932 Presidential Election (Republican Herbert Hoover and Democrat Franklin Roosevelt). After reviewing the effects of the Great Depression on the nation, we examined some readings on the two candidates' philosophies of government. I then used some short video clips to further discuss the candidates' message and style. Each clip was approximately 3 minutes (I never show more than a five minute clip at a time) and students were instructed to write the message that each candidate gave and the style in which they delivered that message to American people. First, we showed a clip of Herbert Hoover and students were then given 2 minutes to write down a response. Next, students watched a 2 minute clip of Franklin Roosevelt (followed by another 2 minutes to write a response). Students were then given 2 minutes to share their responses in pairs which was followed by a whole class discussion on which candidate was more effective/convincing and why. During the discussion, several students referred to Aristotle's "modes of persuasion" (pathos, ethos, and logos) that they learned in their ELA classes (way to go Communication Arts department!) in analyzing each candidate's approach. The critical thinking and analytical skills that the students were developing will undoubtedly help them as they begin to watch news coverage of speeches of those running in the 2020 Presidential Election.

I also never miss an opportunity to play music that is relevant to the lesson. Once we established that FDR won the election, we listened to his campaign song, "Happy Days Are Here Again!" and discussed why FDR may have used that song during his campaign.

Keep in mind that using this technique is just one method of using video clips during a lesson. Please continue your efforts to provide a variety of resources for students in your instruction.



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Roosevelt Campaigns for President (1932)

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