EDUCATION RESOURCES ON INSTAGRAM

You know your students are on Instagram. Why not create assignments/engagement around some accounts that also promote learning? Here are a few we like to bring some educational accounts into their feed:

NEWS

@nytimes – The New York Times

@ny1 – NY1
Keep your students in the loop about all things NYC. Features local New York City news from NY1 broadcasts.

*Note about late night comedy news shows: These can be a great way to engage your students, since the information is funny and accessible. But make sure that conversations about journalism vs. comedy news are part of your lessons! Take a look at NAMLE’s Media Literacy One-Pager for quick tips, or the PBS LearningMedia’s News and Media Literacy resources for ideas on how to approach any news source, but especially comedy shows, as an opportunity to help students identify, analyze, and investigate the news and information.

GENERAL EDUCATION

@pbs – PBS
Find a mixture of news, history, culture and more. Posts often connect to PBS media where your students can continue to explore beyond social media.

@tededucation – TED-Ed
Teachers and students come together to share their ideas. Short clips and quotes are posted that can help spark ideas in your students.

@pbsnewshour – PBS NewsHour
Find news and top headlines from one of the most trusted news programs on TV.

@natgeo – National Geographic
Features stories from different parts of the world. Allows your students to see the world beyond the United States.
SCIENCE

@amnh – American Museum of Natural History
Night at the Museum can still happen virtually! Learn about the different exhibits with Exhibit of the Day.

@bronxzoo – Bronx Zoo
Field trip got cancelled? Send your students to the zoo to learn about and see the zoo’s various animals up close.

@nasagoddard – NASA Goddard
Send your students to outer space from the comfort of their homes! Find photos and descriptions of galaxies, planets, and space events, along with new innovations that NASA is developing.

@bill nye – Bill Nye
Get the latest updates on science and space from @planetarysociety’s CEO, Bill Nye.

@georgiaaquarium – Georgia Aquarium
Go for a swim and explore all the creatures under the sea! A great account for identifying and learning about different sea creatures.

@pbsnature – PBS Nature
Learn about different animals from around the world and watch clips of them in their natural habitats.

SOCIAL STUDIES/HISTORY

@historycoolkids – History Cool Kids
See and read first hand accounts of historical figures and events. Great for primary sources.

@history – The History Channel
Learn about what happened in history with their hashtag, #OnThisDayinHistory, along with historical figures and unforgettable events.

@nyhistory – New York Historical Society
Encounter New York’s blasts from the past. Learn about key people who lived in New York and the history of various NYC places.

@outofedenwalk – Out of Eden Walk
Follow National Geographic’s Paul Salopek on his 10-year walk across the globe. Here, he documents the different countries and cultures he encounters.

MATHEMATICS

@momath1 – Museum of Mathematics
Find posts of puzzles and math problems to challenge your students’ minds!
ARTS/LITERATURE

@allartstv – All Arts
The Instagram account for Thirteen’s All Arts program where you can find various art pieces and artists.

@gettymuseum – Getty Museum
Whether it’s paintings, photos, or sculptures, explore art from past to present through @gettymuseum’s account.

@lincolncenter – Lincoln Center
Find content of various performers – dancers, musicians, actors – and give your students a taste of the arts!

@rupikaur – Rupi Kaur
An author that shares her pieces of poetry and writing with the world. Great for reading comprehension and providing inspiration for writing.

INFLUENCERS TO INSPIRE YOUR STUDENTS

@littlemissflint – Mari Copeny (age 11)
An advocate for access to clean water who raised national attention about the Flint Water Crisis after writing a letter to President Obama.

@desmondisamazing – Desmond is Amazing (age 12)
A drag kid and LGBTQ+ advocate who encourages tweens to “be yourself, always.”

@marleydias – Marley Dias (age 14)
An author and activist who fights for diverse representation in literature with her campaign #1000BlackGirlBooks by collecting and donating books that feature black girls as the main character.

@gretathunberg – Greta Thunberg (age 17)
A climate and environmental activist with Asperger’s who fights for climate change awareness across the globe.

@yarashahidi – Yara Shahidi (age 19)
An actress and activist who is passionate about diversity in Hollywood and female empowerment. She is also the founder of Eighteen x 18, a current Harvard student, and active in many other initiatives.

*Encourage your students to inspire change in the world! DoSomething.org provides ways they can get involved and have their voices heard. Follow @theyouthcollect on Instagram for Youth Collective stories and content meant to inspire Gen-Z to amplify their voices.