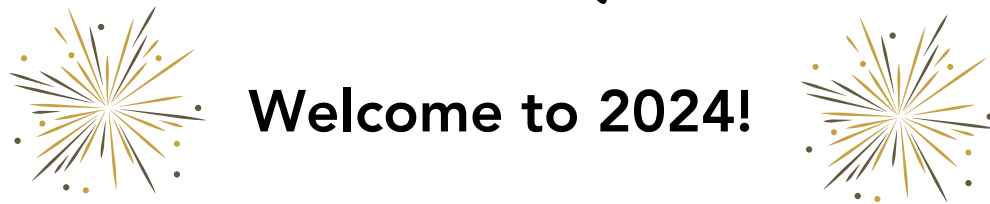


ESL Professional Development...



Use [TIME's Top 100 Photos of 2023](#) to recap and build collaborative classroom discussions about what 2023 meant to your students. Using visuals as an access point for all of your learners allows you to differentiate for literacy skills and can build your students' visual literacy skills. Visual literacy skills are defined as "an interconnected set of practices, habits, and values for participating in visual culture that can be developed through critical, ethical, reflective, and creative engagement with visual media" (Visualliteracytoday.org, 2023). Visual literacy is a differentiation tool highlighted in ATDN's differentiation training with Jayme Adelson Goldstein.

I have... 10 minutes

In 10 minutes...

Share a selection of the [TIMES's Top 100 Photos of 2023](#) - remember that some photos may be difficult to look at. Allow students time to work in pairs or groups and ask them questions about the photos, such as "Describe what you see?" Use Jayme Adelson-Goldstein's [Do/Say Chart](#) to model how your students respond to the questions. They can respond to questions in multiple ways, such as categorizing what is in the photo by people and objects or making lists and then comparing them to other student's lists.

- Use the [Visual Thinking Strategies](#) worksheet for resources and questions

I have... 30 minutes

In 30 minutes...

As a follow-up to the activity mentioned above, ask students "What do you think is happening in this photo?" Model how you would answer this question using Jayme's [Do/Say Chart](#) and provide a sentence frame for discussion. Have students complete the activity in groups, then facilitate a whole group discussion. Have students write their answers using evidence about the photo content they mentioned in the first activity.

I have... 1 hour

In 1 hour...

Visit [Visual Literacy Today](#) and read more about visual literacy and how it can be used in the classroom to enhance your lessons. Check out the Teaching Resources section for available resources.

I have... multiple hours

If you have more time...

Take a look at The New York Times [Introduction to 'What's Going on in this Picture?'](#). This resource incorporates visual thinking strategies by removing captions from photos to allow students to build critical thinking and close reading skills.

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