

# What Are New Literacies?

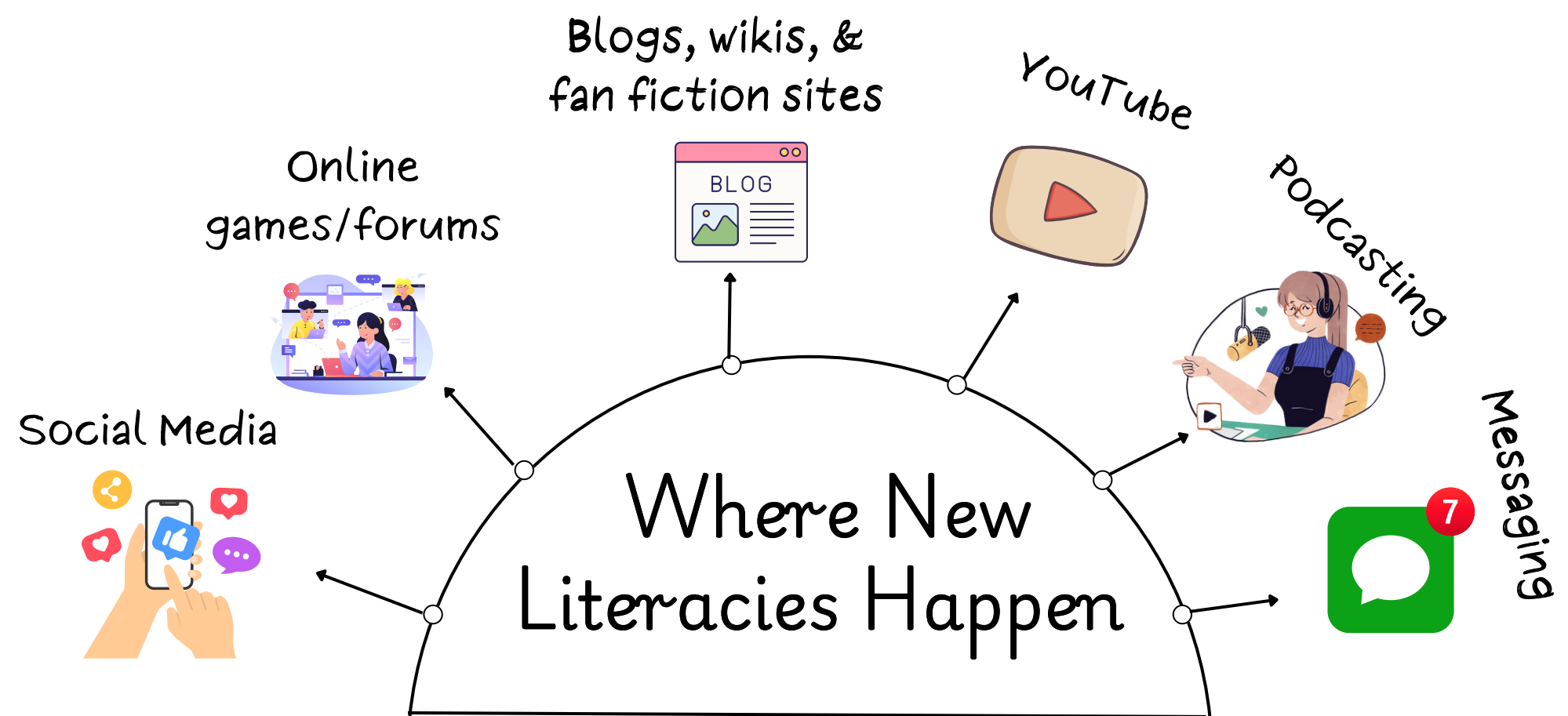
## Teachers Guide



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### New Literacies Defined

"New forms of literacy made possible by digital technologies, and to the kinds of social practices that emerge around these new tools and spaces." (Lankshear & Knobel, 2006, p. 9)



### Core Features of New Literacies

(Lankshear & Knobel, 2006 and Barton & Hamilton, 2000)

#### 01 Socially situated

Literacy practices depend on context, culture, and community.

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#### 02 Multiple, not singular

Different settings call for different literacies.

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#### 03 Tied to identity & participation

Students express who they are through what and how they create and share.

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#### 04 Evolving with technology

New tools bring new ways of reading, writing, and communicating.

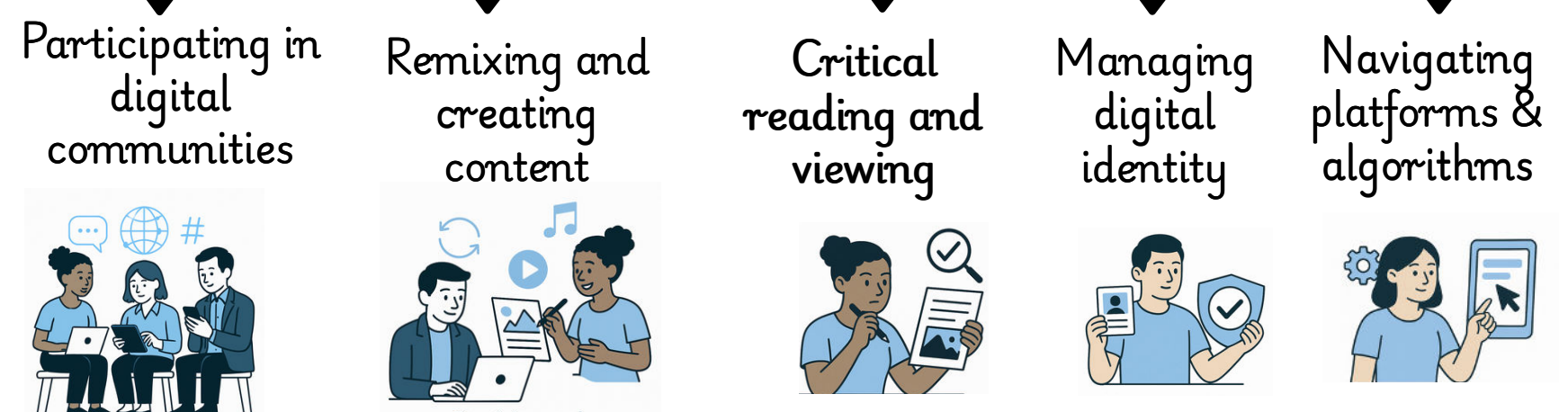
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#### 05 Collaborative & networked

Meaning-making often happens through sharing, remixing, and connecting with others.

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### Skills Involved in New Literacies



### Teaching Implications

Mix print and digital tasks  
Pair books with podcasts, videos, or interactive texts.

Tap into students' digital lives  
Let them bring in examples from YouTube, gaming, or social media to analyze and discuss.

Design collaborative projects

Use tools like Google Docs or Padlet for co-creating content and sharing ideas.

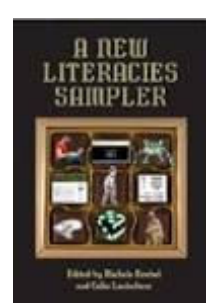
Teach critical digital awareness

Talk about who controls platforms and what it means to be a responsible digital citizen.

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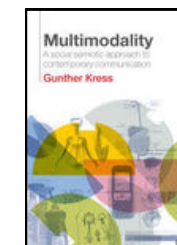


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Handbook of Research on New Literacies

