

## Bias and propaganda

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Hi Carolyn, My 6th graders and I just finished a section in our reading program that included bias and propaganda. I found the best "source" for teaching propaganda to be magazines, newspapers, and TV ads. I've saved political brochures over the years, which have been very useful. My kids have really become more aware of how words and phrases are used to show bias, as well as being a tool to "sell" a product. They are still bringing in ads they have found! We are planning a pizza party next week, so I had them create a poster of their favorite pizza. They had to use one or two of the propaganda techniques we learned about, and then write a persuasive essay (using descriptive words to show their bias). Also, as you read with the kids, help them identify the various words or phrases that show a particular bias (positive, negative, or neutral), especially when reading about history. I hope this helps.