🧠 Media Masters Rock – BONUS LESSON Study Guide

Meet the Critical Thinking Characters!
Grade Level: 2nd Grade
Length: 25–30 minutes

Alabama DLCS Alignment (Grade 2)

• **2.DL.1** – Use technology safely, responsibly, and with growing independence
• **2.DL.2** – Identify that online information can be helpful, harmful, true, or untrue
• **2.CC.1** – Apply basic critical thinking strategies to digital content
• **2.CC.2** – Demonstrate respectful and kind behavior online
• **2.RA.1** – Show self-control when reacting to digital messages

🎬 Before Watching the Video

Teacher/Librarian Says:
"Today you're going to meet some silly characters who made mistakes online — and YOU get to learn how to fix their mistakes using Media Master Moves! These moves help you THINK FIRST before you click, like, or share."

Ask:
• "Have you ever seen something online that tricked you?"
• "Why should we stop and think before we react online?"
• "What do you think 'Media Master Move' means?"

📹 Watch the Video

Title: BONUS LESSON — *Critical Thinking Characters: Think First Before You Click*
Run Time: 2–4 minutes

Listening Focus for Grade 2:
"Listen for the *THINKING MISTAKE* and the *MEDIA MASTER MOVE* that fixes it. You'll need them for your activity!"

💬 After Watching – Discussion Questions

1. "Which character made the funniest mistake?"

2. "Which character made the most *dangerous* mistake?"

3. "What does it mean to 'check before you share'?"

4. "How can we turn a mistake into a Media Master Move?"

5. "Why is being kind online one of the Media Master rules?"

Encourage students to give *short explanations* like:
• "Zack forgot to stop scrolling."
• "Robot shared too fast."
• "The Media Master Move helps us fix mistakes."

✏️ Activity: Character Fix-It Sort!

Objective: Identify online thinking mistakes + match them to Media Master Moves
Materials:
• Worksheet or printed cards
• Crayons or pencils

Part 1 — Match the Mistake to the Move

Show students **five characters** with short, simple mistakes:

1. **Scroll Zombie Zack** – Scrolls too long

2. **Re-Post Robot** – Shares everything

3. **Mean Maddy** – Posts hurtful words

4. **Meme Believer Cassy** – Believes every meme

5. **Snap Judgment Sammy** – Makes guesses without checking

Show the **Media Master Moves**:

• "Take breaks — YOU're in control."

• "Check before you share."

- "Choose kindness when you post."

- "Be curious — look for truth."

- "Ask questions first."

Student Task: Draw a line from each Character to the correct Media Master Move.

Part 2 — Fix the Character! (Draw + Write)

Each student chooses ONE character and completes:

Draw:
A quick picture of the character *after* they use the Media Master Move.

Write (1–2 sentences):
"___ can fix their mistake by ___. That makes them a Media Master!"

Example:
"Re-Post Robot can check the truth before sharing. That makes him a Media Master!"

**🧩 Extension Activity:

"True, Untrue, or Unkind?" Sorting Challenge**

Teacher Prep:
Use simple examples on cards:

- "Kittens can fly to the moon!"

- "You should ignore new students."

- "Math shortcut video that helps with homework."

- "A meme that says broccoli gives you superpowers!"

Student Task:
Sort each into:

🔍 **CHECK FIRST** – could be fake or silly

❤️ **CHOOSE KINDNESS** – kind or helpful

🚫 **STOP! NOT OKAY** – hurtful or unkind

This reinforces truth-checking, kindness, and skepticism.

🧠 Wrap-Up

Teacher/Librarian Says:
"You met a LOT of characters today — but YOU made all the smart choices! When you Think First, Check for Truth, and Choose Kindness, you are a real Media Master."

Call-and-Response:
Teacher: "When you see something online…"
Students: **"THINK FIRST!"**
Teacher: "Before you share…"
Students: **"CHECK FOR TRUTH!"**
Teacher: "And when you post…"
Students: **"CHOOSE KINDNESS!"**

"You did great today, Media Masters — smart thinkers make the internet better!"

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