

Lights Camera Media Literacy!

Unit Five

Radio

Topics:

Communication in the 1930's

History of Radio

Technology of Radio

Use of the Airwaves

Creating radio shows and ads

Media:

POOR LITTLE RICH GIRL (1936) dvd

WAR OF THE WORLDS (1938) audio cd

EMPIRE OF THE AIR (1991) dvd

Enduring understandings

The emergence of radio as a popular medium developed as a result of the interests and the technical skills of many individuals.

The technology of radio involves transmission and reception of converted sound waves in an eight step process.

Radio is one of many inventions assigned wavelengths along the electromagnetic spectrum.

Essential Questions

What qualities did many of the creators of early radio possess that allowed them to persevere, even in times of frustration and conflict?

How does the transmission and reception of converted sound waves allow radio to work?

With what other inventions does radio share the electromagnetic spectrum?