

Learning Opportunities from PBS – October 2020

Have some fun with [PBS KIDS virtual backgrounds](#) for Zoom! Download backgrounds from favorite PBS KIDS shows such as *Arthur*, *Molly of Denali*, and *Wild Kratts*.

[Ask Doctor Universe](#) is based out of Washington State University, and teams up with professors, researchers, and experts in the field, to tackle big questions in science, engineering, technology and math for students PreK-6. (NW Public Broadcasting)

[Career Explore Northwest](#) is a community tool from KSPS PBS that aims to help middle schoolers, high schoolers, and young adults learn about in-demand, living-wage jobs in the Inland Northwest. Includes videos and curriculum resources. (KSPS Spokane)

[Confronting Anti-Black Racism](#) (Gr. 6-12) is a [resource collection](#) that includes news coverage of recent protests, videos on the origins of the Black Lives Matter movement and protests against police brutality within the past decade, iconic PBS documentaries on the histories of race and racism in America, and activities addressing civic engagement and elevating students' voices. (PBS Learning Media)

[Courage in Corsets: The Women's Suffrage Movement in the Northwest](#) (Gr. 6-12)

This documentary tells the story of Washington suffragists whose personal courage, political savvy and sheer tenacity won the vote for all women in the state. Includes video segments and lesson plans. (KSPS Spokane)

[The Election Collection](#) (Gr. 6-12) Help students keep up with election news, study the history and process of presidential elections, explore voting rights, and engage in classroom debates with these [videos, activities, and lesson plans](#). (PBS LearningMedia)

[Making Cents: Financial Literacy](#) (Gr 2-10) With this video series, teach teens and pre-teens how to manage their money and foster an entrepreneurial spirit. (PBS Learning Media)

[Free professional development for PreK-12 educators](#) by PBS Education includes: Social & Emotional Learning Strategies for K-2 Teachers, Tools for Anti-Racist Teaching, Teaching the Civil War Through a New Lens, Empowering Young Media Consumers & Creators, and many more. Watch recorded sessions [here](#), and watch for upcoming workshops.

For more information, see [the OSPI website](#).