

SOURCE

- Who is the creator of the message? For example, advertisements are usually done by ad agencies hired by clients
- Think about the source. They can range from profit-driven companies, to individuals making a statement.

- Who is the message targeting? Media messages are usually intended for certain audiences.
- Audiences can be grouped by age, gender, interests, class etc.





- The 'text' in media messages is what you can see and/or hear. It can be written or spoken words, pictures, graphics, sounds etc.
- The 'text' can convey the meaning of the message directly, such as displaying the actual product to be sold in an ad.





- The 'subtext' is the meaning you create or interpret from the media message, based on your previous experiences, knowledge, opinions and values
- Two people may interpret the same media message differently. Try it with your peers!





Note:

There is no real 'correct' way to deconstruct media messages. Every one interprets them differently. Instead, use the chance to learn about others' perspectives and have a global mindset.

Feel free to access the references below to find out more about media messages, along with other reliable sources you come across.

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