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**LITERACY PRACTICES FOR PROMOTING ENGAGED CITIZENSHIP
AND BUILDING POSITIVE FUTURES**

Recent discussion about literacy instruction suggests that the educator's goal is to raise literacy achievement so that students can attend college, have successful careers, and build a nation's economy. But our literacy instruction has the potential to transform lives well beyond these purposes. This session outlines how What we teach and the ways we teach can contribute substantially to the development of a competent and engaged citizenry who will be constructive participants in building positive futures.