

How to Spot Fake News

Vocabulary:

Fake News	Verify	Political agenda	Propaganda
Alternative Facts	Bias	Fact Checker	Credible
Sponsored Content	Activist Group	Reliability	

Seven Point Checklist for Students:

- 1) Do you know who the source is or was it created by a common or well-known source?
Example: New York Times, National Geographic, Discovery Channel, etc.
- 2) How does it compare to what you already know?
- 3) Does the information make sense? Do you understand the information?
- 4) Can you verify that the information agrees with three or more other sources that are also reliable?
- 5) Have experts in the field been connected to it or authored the information?
- 6) How current is the information?
- 7) Does it have a copyright?



Discussion Questions:

- 1) How long do you think fake news has been around?
- 2) Why would a special group or a person want to put out fake news story or a fake image?
- 3) Why is important to identify fake news? How can it affect your life?
- 4) What can websites such as Facebook, Twitter, etc. do to stop fake news from being posted? What can you do to stop fake news?
- 5) Do you think fake news could affect the results of future elections or may have affected the recent presidential election?

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