



Activity: Media Detective – Source Credibility Checker

Objective: To encourage students to critically evaluate the credibility of news sources by examining authorship, sourcing, and tone. By the end of this activity, participants should be able to identify key indicators of credible journalism.

Materials Needed:

- A recent news article
- Whiteboard or chart paper for group notes
- [Handouts with guiding questions](#)

Introduction (5 minutes):

Introduce the importance of evaluating news sources. Explain that credible journalism relies on accurate facts, trustworthy sources, and clear distinctions between opinion and news.

Activity Steps (15 minutes):

1. Distribute or display a recent news article.
2. Ask students to answer the following questions:
 - Who is the author?
 - What sources or experts are quoted?
 - Does the article present facts, opinion, or both?
 - Are there signs of bias?
3. Have students share their answers with a partner or small group.

Discussion (10 minutes):

Invite groups to share their evaluations. Discuss patterns in credible vs. questionable sources and how to apply these skills to everyday reading.

Conclusion (5 minutes):

Summarize the key takeaways about source evaluation. Emphasize that news literacy is an essential life skill for informed citizenship.