

To be used with the March 30, 2020, issue

**Media Literacy**  
Common Core W.8

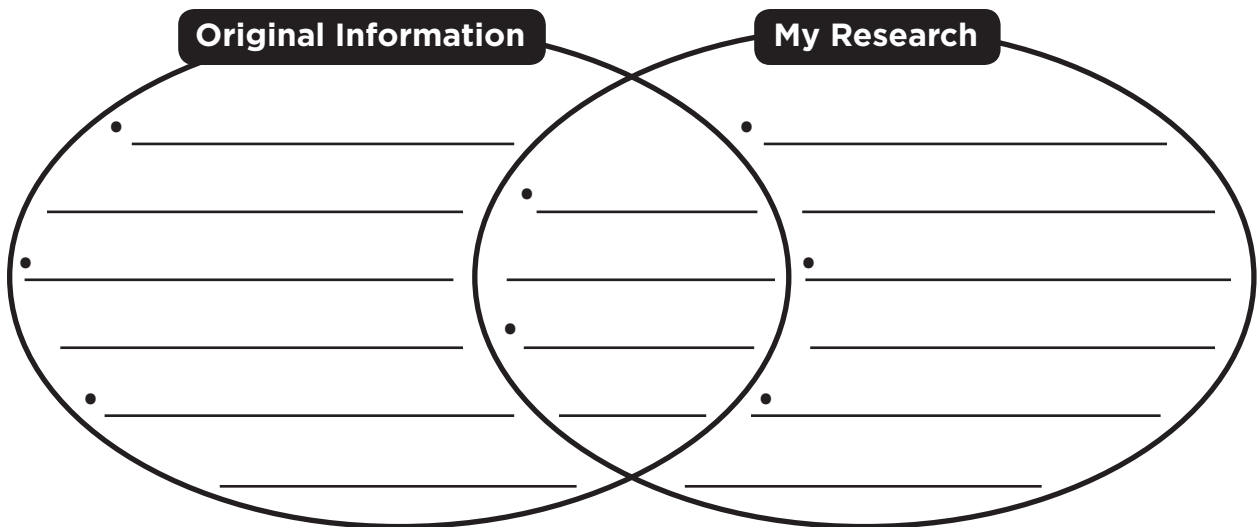
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# Fact or False?

After reading “Were You Fooled?,” use the checklist below to determine whether information you recently saw online is reliable or not.

- 1 What did you see online? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Where did you see the information? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 What questions can you ask yourself to help you verify that the information is accurate?
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 What keywords can you search to find out additional information about this topic? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Do a quick online search using your keywords. Enter the topic of the article and the word *news* into your web browser’s search box. Have other websites written about this topic? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If so, list two reliable sources that wrote about it: \_\_\_\_\_

- 6 Compare and contrast results of your research with the original information.



- 7 What did you learn from your research? Was the information you first saw accurate? Explain.

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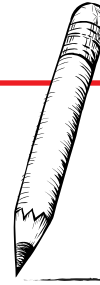


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## Take Note!

As you watch the “What You Need to Know About the Aztec Empire” video and read the article “Lost Treasure,” take notes on the topics below. Then summarize what you learned.

### Places:



- Tenochtitlán: \_\_\_\_\_
- Mexico City: \_\_\_\_\_
- Spain: \_\_\_\_\_

### People:



- Hernán Cortés: \_\_\_\_\_
- Montezuma II: \_\_\_\_\_
- Conquistadors: \_\_\_\_\_

### Details:



- Canals: \_\_\_\_\_
- La Noche Triste: \_\_\_\_\_
- Aztec civilization: \_\_\_\_\_

### Dates:



- 1519: \_\_\_\_\_
- 1520: \_\_\_\_\_
- 1981: \_\_\_\_\_

### What I learned about the Aztecs:

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# Close-Reading Questions

Refer to “Lost Treasure” to respond to the questions below. Reread the article to find details that support your answers. Remember to write in complete sentences.

1. What were some achievements of the Aztecs?

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2. How did the relationship between Montezuma II and Hernán Cortés change?

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3. What is the section “A Golden Clue” mostly about?

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1. What is misinformation? Include an example.

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2. What are some reasons people spread hoaxes?

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3. What is the purpose of the section “Stop and Think”?

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# Be a Quiz Whiz!

For each question below, fill in the circle next to the correct answer.

## Lost Treasure Pages 2-3

- 1 Part A** Which statement is true about the Aztecs and the Spaniards?
- Ⓐ The Aztecs caused a war by not welcoming the Spaniards.
  - Ⓑ They lived peacefully together for years.
  - Ⓒ They created a new civilization together.
  - Ⓓ The Spaniards took advantage of the Aztecs.
- 2 Part B** Which detail best supports the answer to question 1?
- Ⓐ "A fierce battle breaks out in the capital of a great empire."
  - Ⓑ "They built a powerful civilization that thrived for about 200 years."
  - Ⓒ "Tenochtitlán was the center of the empire."
  - Ⓓ "For one thing, [the Spaniards] began stealing Aztec jewelry."
- 3** Which choice best describes the structure of the article?
- Ⓐ cause/effect
  - Ⓑ problem/solution
  - Ⓒ compare/contrast
  - Ⓓ sequence

## Were You Fooled? Pages 4-5

- 4** Which detail explains how misinformation spreads so quickly?
- Ⓐ "But the challenge turned out to be based on a hoax."
  - Ⓑ "And on popular apps like YouTube and TikTok, it's easy for bad information to go viral."
  - Ⓒ "The goal of these viral hoaxes is to influence people's opinions ..."
  - Ⓓ "And it's a safe bet you wouldn't go to a news website to find a funny meme."
- 5** A first step to evaluating the truth of something is to consider \_\_\_\_.
- Ⓐ if any pictures are provided with it
  - Ⓑ in which language it is written
  - Ⓒ which of your friends saw it first
  - Ⓓ where it is posted

- 6** Which statement best supports the main idea of the sidebar on page 5?
- Ⓐ If something sparks a question in your mind, look into it.
  - Ⓑ Only professional researchers can spot fake information.
  - Ⓒ Questions don't lead to answers.
  - Ⓓ Students in schools don't learn enough research skills.

## Making Major-League History Page 6

- 7** Which statement would be most important to include in a summary of the article?
- Ⓐ Alyssa Nakken helps players before each game begins.
  - Ⓑ Two baseball positions include pitcher and catcher.
  - Ⓒ Nakken is the first female coach in the history of professional baseball.
  - Ⓓ Nakken was the captain of her college team.
- 8** Nakken would likely agree that \_\_\_\_.
- Ⓐ with focus and dedication, almost any goal can be reached
  - Ⓑ it's impossible to do what you love for a living
  - Ⓒ girls can't have a career in baseball
  - Ⓓ coaching is not as exciting as playing a sport

## A Crystal Palace Page 6

- 9** Which word is most similar to *jagged*?
- Ⓐ cold
  - Ⓑ broken
  - Ⓒ flat
  - Ⓓ slippery

## Count Me In! Page 7

- 10** Based on the sidebar, you can infer that \_\_\_\_.
- Ⓐ the census does not affect how the government spends money
  - Ⓑ many efforts are made to count every person
  - Ⓒ the population in 2020 will be the same as it was in 2010
  - Ⓓ only large states are part of the census