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Answer Key: Pizza, Politics, and Power: The 6th Grade Global News Challenge

Evaluate how international trade disputes and local zoning laws impact the price of your favorite toppings and community resources.

1. A maritime dispute in the South China Sea delays cargo ships carrying electronic components. What type of current event is this primarily considered?

Answer: C) International Issue

Events involving multiple nations, global trade routes, and territory disputes between countries are classified as international issues.

2. When a news report uses 'loaded language' to make one side of a conflict look better than the other, it is demonstrating ____.

Answer: B) Bias

Bias occurs when a creator's perspective influences the information to favor one viewpoint over another, often using emotional or one-sided language.

3. True or False: A city ordinance requiring all new buildings to have solar panels is an example of a local current event.

Answer: A) True

Local issues concern specific cities, towns, or communities and the laws (ordinances) that govern them specifically.

4. If a journalist writes an article about a new tax law but only interviews people who hate the tax, which critical analysis skill is the reader using by noticing this?

Answer: A) Evaluating the Diversity of Perspectives

Analyzing whose voices are included or excluded helps a reader determine if the reporting is comprehensive or one-sided.

5. The rise in global temperatures causing the migration of coffee-growing regions is a current event that connects environmental science with ____.

Answer: B) Global Economics

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Current events often intersect; environmental changes affect where crops grow, which impacts international trade and prices (economics).

6. True or False: Social media posts are always considered 'Primary Sources' regardless of who posted them.

Answer: B) False

A social media post is only a primary source if it is a first-hand account or original evidence from a person who witnessed an event.

7. Which of these is the most effective way to verify the claims made in a trending viral video?

Answer: C) Cross-referencing the info with multiple reputable news outlets

Cross-referencing ensures that information is backed by multiple independent sources, reducing the risk of spreading misinformation.

8. A scientist publishing a new study on the effectiveness of a vaccine is an example of a ____ source.

Answer: D) Primary

Original research or raw data published by the people who conducted the work is considered a primary source.

9. Which 'W' question is MOST helpful when trying to understand the 'cause' of a current event?

Answer: C) Why did it happen?

The 'Why' addresses the underlying reasons, motives, or historical context that triggered the event.

10. True or False: Analyzing the 'impact' of a news story means looking at how the event affects people's lives or the environment.

Answer: A) True

Impact refers to the consequences or results of an event, which is a key part of current events analysis.