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Answer Key: Third Grade News Detective Challenge

Evidence evaluation, impact analysis, and perspective taking. Develop the critical thinking needed to separate community facts from personal opinions in modern reporting.

1. A city is building a new park but must cut down ten old trees to do it. Neighbors are upset, but the mayor says the park helps more people. This conflict is best described as:

Answer: A) A local issue with competing points of view

This is a local issue because it affects a specific neighborhood, and it shows competing views between people who want trees and people who want a park.

2. If a journalist writes an article about a new school lunch law but only interviews students who hate broccoli, the article might have ____.

Answer: B) bias

Bias occurs when only one side of a story is told or emphasized, making the report unfair to the other side.

3. To analyze a current event correctly, you should check more than one news source to see if they report the same facts.

Answer: A) True

Comparing multiple sources helps verify facts and ensures you are getting the whole story rather than just one person's perspective.

4. A new law requires all cars in the country to use a special filter to stop pollution. This action is most likely a:

Answer: C) National policy change

Because the law affects all cars across the entire country, it is considered a national issue or policy.

5. When we study how a drought in Australia affects the price of bread in England, we are analyzing ____ issues.

Answer: D) international

International issues involve connections and impacts between different countries around the world.

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6. In news analysis, wait times for a local bus are just as important to analyze as a global space mission, depending on who the audience is.

Answer: A) True

Current events analysis teaches that importance depends on the community affected; bus times are critical for local workers.

7. Which question is most helpful for evaluating the 'impact' of a new robotic surgery tool being used in city hospitals?

Answer: C) How many patients will this help compared to old methods?

Analyzing impact requires looking at how a change affects people's lives or results in a measurable way.

8. A news story that includes data from scientists and quotes from three different experts is using _____ to support its claims.

Answer: A) evidence

Evidence includes facts, data, and expert testimony used to prove that a report is accurate.

9. Two countries agree to share water from a river that runs through both of them. This is an example of:

Answer: B) Global cooperation on resources

When two or more countries work together on an issue like shared resources, it is a form of international cooperation.

10. If a news headline uses 'scary' words to make you feel afraid, it is likely trying to inform you with scientific facts.

Answer: B) False

Headlines that use emotional language are often trying to get attention (clickbait) rather than just providing neutral, scientific facts.