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Answer Key: Community Curiosities: Second Grade Current Events Challenges

Examine 10 complex scenarios regarding local changes and global connections to practice identifying perspective and community impact.

1. A neighboring town decides to stop using all plastic bags in grocery stores. What is the most likely reason the leaders made this choice?

Answer: B) They want to reduce litter in the local river and park.

Current events involving environmental rules are usually focused on protecting local nature and reducing waste.

2. When a reporter writes only about the good parts of a new park and ignores the broken playground equipment, they are showing _____.

Answer: B) Bias

Bias occurs when a source only presents one side of a story instead of all the facts.

3. True or False: If two different news stories talk about the same event but have different headlines, they might be focusing on different points of view.

Answer: A) True

Different people see events differently, and headlines often reflect the part of the story the writer thinks is most important.

4. The city wants to build a big library where a community garden is now. Who would likely be AGAINST this new project?

Answer: C) The neighbors who grow vegetables in the garden.

Analyzing current events involves identifying 'stakeholders'—people who will lose something they value when a change happens.

5. An event that happens in a different country halfway across the world is considered an _____ issue.

Answer: B) International

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International issues involve events happening between or within other nations outside our own.

6. If you see a news photo of a very messy beach after a holiday, what is the best way to check if the story is current?

Answer: A) Look for the date the photo and story were posted.

Timeliness is a key part of current events analysis; always check the date to ensure the information is not old.

7. True or False: A 'local' event is something that happens in your own neighborhood or town.

Answer: A) True

Local issues are events that directly affect the specific community where you live.

8. When a grocery store runs out of oranges because of a storm in a different state, this shows how communities are _____.

Answer: A) Connected

Interdependence means that events in one place can cause effects in another place.

9. Imagine your school wants to change the lunch menu to only serve vegetables. Which question helps you analyze if this is a good idea?

Answer: B) Who will this change help and who might it upset?

Analyzing an issue requires looking at the impact on different groups of people within the community.

10. True or False: Every single story you read on the internet is a 'fact' and cannot be an 'opinion.'

Answer: B) False

Distinguishing between fact (proven truth) and opinion (a feeling or belief) is a vital skill in analyzing current events.