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Answer Key: Claim vs. Consensus: 9th Grade Critical Reading Quiz

Differentiate between verified findings and subjective stance to build a foundational understanding of evidence-based literacy.

1. Which of the following statements represents an objective fact rather than a subjective opinion?

Answer: A) The poem 'The Raven' by Edgar Allan Poe uses a trochaic octameter meter.

Option A is a verifiable fact about the poem's structural rhythm, whereas the other options are evaluative judgments.

2. True or False: In critical reading, questioning the author's purpose is a strategy used to uncover potential bias.

Answer: A) True

Questioning the 'why' behind a text helps readers identify if the author is trying to persuade them toward a specific, one-sided viewpoint.

3. While reading a scientific journal, a student identifies a statement as a ___ because it is a claim that can be proven true through observation or data.

Answer: C) Fact

A fact is a statement that can be verified and proven regardless of personal belief.

4. If an author of an article about renewable energy works for a solar panel company, what should a critical reader be most aware of?

Answer: B) The author's potential bias

Knowing the author's background helps the reader evaluate if the information is being presented objectively or to promote a specific interest.

5. True or False: An editorial in a newspaper is primarily composed of objective facts.

Answer: B) False

Editorials are opinion pieces intended to express a specific viewpoint, though they may use facts to support their arguments.

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6. When a reader looks for specific statistics or expert testimony to support a claim, they are ___ the evidence.

Answer: A) Evaluating

Evaluating evidence involves checking for quality, relevance, and reliability to see if it truly supports the author's argument.

7. Which of these is an example of an opinion in a historical text about the Great Depression?

Answer: C) The New Deal was the most brilliant economic plan in history.

Calling a plan 'brilliant' is a value judgment and subjective interpretation, making it an opinion.

8. True or False: Evaluating the reliability of a source is an essential step in the critical reading process.

Answer: A) True

Determining if a source is credible ensures that the reader is basing their understanding on accurate information.

9. Critical reading requires the reader to be ____, meaning they interact with the text rather than just absorbing it.

Answer: B) Active

Active reading involves questioning, annotating, and thinking deeply about the content as you read.

10. What is the primary goal of distinguishing fact from opinion in an argumentative essay?

Answer: B) To verify if the evidence provided is objective and reliable.

By separating facts from opinions, a reader can determine if an argument is built on solid evidence or just personal feelings.