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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?

- A. The poem 'The Raven' by Edgar Allan Poe uses a trochaic octameter meter.
- B. Edgar Allan Poe is the most influential American gothic writer.
- C. The mood of 'The Raven' is too depressing for young readers.
- D. Poe's use of internal rhyme is confusing.

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

- A. True
- B. False

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.

- A. Inference
- B. Opinion
- C. Fact
- D. Generalization

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?

- A. The length of the article
- B. The author's potential bias
- C. The publication date
- D. The font choice

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

- A. True
- B. False

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

- A. Evaluating
- B. Ignoring
- C. Summarizing
- D. Skimming

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

- A. The stock market crashed in October 1929.
- B. Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected president in 1932.
- C. The New Deal was the most brilliant economic plan in history.
- D. Unemployment reached 25% during the 1930s.

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

- A. True
- B. False

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

- A. Passive
- B. Active
- C. Silent
- D. Rapid

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

- A. To memorize the author's biography.
- B. To verify if the evidence provided is objective and reliable.
- C. To count the number of adjectives used.
- D. To find out how many pages are in the essay.