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## Detective's Dispatch: A 5th Grade Current Events Quest

Source evaluation, perspective-taking, and impact analysis — foundational habits for young citizens learning to weigh evidence in a busy media landscape.

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**1. A journalist reports on a new city park. To ensure the story is balanced, which of these groups should they interview?**

- A. Only the mayor who planned the park
- B. Both the park designers and local families who will use it
- C. Only the construction workers building the equipment
- D. A travel blogger from a different country

**2. True or False: If an article uses 'loaded language' (words like 'disastrous' or 'wonderful'), it is likely showing a bias.**

- A. True
- B. False

**3. When a local grocery store decides to stop using plastic bags, this is an example of a \_\_\_\_ issue.**

- A. Global
- B. National
- C. Community
- D. International

**4. Which of these is the best way to verify if a news story on social media is accurate?**

- A. Check if it has a lot of 'likes' or 'shares'
- B. Read the comments to see what other people think
- C. Look for the same story on other reputable news websites
- D. Assume it is true if your friend posted it

**5. The United Nations holding a meeting to talk about plastic pollution in the oceans is an example of a/an \_\_\_\_ event.**

- A. Local
- B. International
- C. Small-scale
- D. Personal

**6. True or False: A primary source is an account of an event created by someone who was actually there.**

- A. True
- B. False

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**7. Imagine your school starts a 'Meatless Monday' program. Who would be a 'stakeholder' in this decision?**

- A. The students who eat in the cafeteria
- B. The local farmers who supply the food
- C. The kitchen staff who prepare the meals
- D. All of the above

**8. When analyzing a current event, identifying 'cause and effect' helps us understand \_\_\_\_.**

- A. The author's middle name
- B. Why something happened and what happened next
- C. If the article has any spelling mistakes
- D. How much the newspaper costs

**9. True or False: Every news article is 100% objective and never contains any perspective.**

- A. True
- B. False

**10. Which question should you ask to figure out the 'impact' of a new law?**

- A. What font was used to print the law?
- B. What time of day was the law signed?
- C. How will people's daily lives change because of this?
- D. What color is the paper the law is written on?