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Detective's Lens: 6th Grade Evidence and Bias Investigation Quiz

Can you spot the difference between a neutral report and a hidden agenda? Apply skepticism to news cycles and historical perspectives in this summative assessment.

1. An author claims that a proposed wind farm will 'ruin the natural beauty of the valley.' This statement is best classified as:

- A. An objective fact based on geography
- B. A subjective opinion using loaded language
- C. Unbiased data from a scientific study
- D. A neutral description of the landscape

2. Which of these sources would be considered the most reliable for a research paper on the health effects of a new medicine?

- A. A viral social media post from a popular fitness influencer
- B. The pharmaceutical company's own promotional advertisement
- C. An anonymous comment on a medical forum
- D. A peer-reviewed article in the New England Journal of Medicine

3. When a reader looks for the author's _____, they are trying to understand why the text was written (e.g., to persuade, inform, or entertain).

- A. Vocabulary level
- B. Purpose
- C. Word count
- D. Publication date

4. Evaluating a text critically means finding only the things you disagree with in the writing.

- A. True
- B. False

5. A travel brochure describes a city as 'The most breathtaking destination in the world.' What is the author's primary likely bias?

- A. Political bias against other cities
- B. Economic bias to encourage tourism
- C. Scientific bias regarding climate
- D. Historical bias toward ancient ruins

6. An author who only presents one side of an argument while ignoring strong evidence for the other side is exhibiting _____.

- A. Clarity
- B. Credibility

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- C. Bias
- D. Formatting

7. The sentence 'The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified in 1920' is an example of a fact.

- A. True
- B. False

8. A historian writes about a battle using only the diaries of the winning generals. What critical reading question should you ask?

- A. What font was used in the original diaries?
- B. Whose perspective is missing from this account?
- C. How many pages are in the history book?
- D. Was the historian a fast writer?

9. To _____ an argument, a reader must break it down into the main claim and the supporting evidence.

- A. Summarize
- B. Analyze
- C. Memorize
- D. Dictate

10. Statistics and data are always used neutrally and never to support a specific opinion.

- A. True
- B. False