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Think and Link: Critical Reading Skills for 7th Grade

Students practice recall by identifying bias, claims, and editorial purposes within contemporary media snippets and persuasive arguments.

1. An author writes an article titled 'The Hidden Dangers of Video Games' but only interviews parents who dislike gaming. This is an example of:

- A. A objective summary
- B. Evidence-based research
- C. Author bias
- D. A neutral perspective

2. True or False: In critical reading, a 'claim' is the main point or argument that the author wants the reader to believe.

- A. True
- B. False

3. Which of the following phrases is usually an indicator of an opinion rather than a fact?

- A. 'The study shows...'
- B. 'According to records...'
- C. 'I believe that...'
- D. 'The data indicates...'

4. Why is it important to check the 'source' of an article when you are reading critically?

- A. To see if the pictures are colorful
- B. To determine if the information is coming from a reliable expert
- C. To find out how many pages long the article is
- D. To see if the author uses difficult vocabulary

5. True or False: If an author uses emotional language like 'terrible' or 'amazing,' they are likely expressing an opinion.

- A. True
- B. False

6. When a reader looks for the 'intended audience,' they are trying to figure out _____.

- A. Who the author is writing for
- B. How many books the author sold
- C. What font the author used
- D. Where the author lives

7. Which of these is a FACT about the Great Barrier Reef?

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- A. It is the most beautiful place in the world.
- B. Everyone should go visit it once.
- C. It is located in the Coral Sea off the coast of Australia.
- D. Scuba diving there is very scary.

8. True or False: Critical reading means finding things to dislike about every book you read.

- A. True
- B. False

9. An author's 'purpose' refers to whether they are trying to persuade, inform, or _____ the reader.

- A. Ignore
- B. Entertain
- C. Confuse
- D. Sleep

10. If you read a movie review that says 'The acting was poor,' you are reading a(n):

- A. Scientific fact
- B. Objective measurement
- C. Subjective opinion
- D. Historical date