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Sleuth Your Sources: Sophisticated Sophomore Search Skills Quiz

Can you spot the difference between a credible academic claim and a biased blog post? Verify authorship and master the mechanics of MLA and APA formatting.

1. When evaluating a source about the historical impact of the Black Death, which of the following authors would likely provide the most authoritative information?

- A. A travel blogger reviewing European cathedrals
- B. A university professor specializing in Medieval studies
- C. An anonymous contributor on a history forum
- D. A high school student's personal social media post

2. True or False: Using a direct quote from a world leader's speech without mentioning their name in your essay is still considered plagiarism.

- A. True
- B. False

3. If you are citing a news article from 'The New York Times' in MLA format, what is the correct way to format the title of the newspaper?

- A. THE NEW YORK TIMES (All caps)
- B. "The New York Times" (In quotation marks)
- C. The New York Times (Italicized)
- D. the new york times (Lowercase)

4. In APA style, if an author's name is Maya Angelou, the reference list entry should begin with

_____.

- A. Maya A.
- B. Maya Angelou
- C. Angelou, Maya
- D. Angelou, M.

5. Which domain extension is generally considered the *most* reliable for statistical data regarding public health in the United States?

- A. .com
- B. .gov
- C. .net
- D. .biz

6. The abbreviation used in a citation to indicate 'and others' when a book has many authors is

_____.

- A. etc.

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- B. ibid.
- C. et al.
- D. viz.

7. True or False: A works cited page should be organized in the order that the sources appear in your essay.

- A. True
- B. False

8. When taking notes on a documentary about the Apollo 11 moon landing, what is the best strategy to avoid accidental plagiarism later?

- A. Copying the narrator's script word-for-word without quotation marks
- B. Writing down only the time stamps and not the information
- C. Paraphrasing in your own words and noting the source immediately
- D. Waiting until the end of the semester to look up the film's title

9. A 10th-grade student is looking for 'peer-reviewed' articles. Where is the most likely place to find these?

- A. A public search engine like Google
- B. A school or university library database
- C. The 'Trending' tab on a news website
- D. The comment section of a science blog

10. True or False: If you find a fact that is 'common knowledge' (like George Washington was the first US president), you generally do not need a citation.

- A. True
- B. False