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Answer Key: Clear-Eyed Citizens: Crunchy Current Events Quiz for Third Grade

Young learners synthesize multiple sources to separate fact from opinion and predict how today's news will impact their neighborhood's future.

1. A scientist writes that a new community garden will help bees, while a neighbor says the garden will be too noisy. How can you find the most balanced view?

Answer: B) Read the city council's full plan to see how they handle both bees and noise.

Synthesizing information requires looking at official documents that address multiple perspectives rather than choosing just one person's opinion.

2. True or False: If two news reporters give different details about the same parade, it always means one of them is lying.

Answer: B) False

Reporters may focus on different aspects of an event based on where they were standing or who they interviewed, without either one being untruthful.

3. When a reporter uses 'loaded words' like 'terrible' or 'wonderful' to describe a new law, they are showing ____.

Answer: B) Bias

Bias occurs when a writer uses emotional language to persuade the reader to feel a certain way instead of just stating the facts.

4. If you are researching why a local library is closing, which source would provide the most reliable evidence about the library's money issues?

Answer: C) The official city budget report showing library spending.

Official budget reports provide factual, numerical evidence that helps explain the 'why' behind community changes.

5. To understand a global news story about a new invention, a 3rd grader should look at a ____ to see which countries will use it.

Answer: B) World Map

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Using a world map helps students visualize the international impact and scale of current events.

6. True or False: An eyewitness account is usually considered a primary source of information.

Answer: A) True

A primary source is a first-hand account from someone who was actually present at the event.

7. Imagine your town is voting on a 'No Plastic Straws' rule. What is a likely 'cause-and-effect' relationship of this event?

Answer: B) Restaurants will have to find different ways to serve drinks.

Current events analysis involves predicting logical outcomes, such as businesses changing their habits due to new regulations.

8. In a news article, a ___ is a short sentence under a photograph that explains what is happening in the picture.

Answer: B) Caption

Captions provide essential context for visual information, which is a key part of analyzing multi-media news reports.

9. True or False: Asking 'Who wrote this?' is a helpful step in deciding if a news story is trustworthy.

Answer: A) True

Identifying the author or organization helps a reader determine if the source has a specific goal or bias.

10. When you compare a news story from today with a history book about the same town, you are looking for ___.

Answer: C) Changes or patterns over time.

Analyzing current events alongside history helps students see how societies evolve or repeat certain behaviors.