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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?

- A. Only listen to the scientist because they have a degree.
- B. Read the city council's full plan to see how they handle both bees and noise.
- C. Believe the neighbor because they live closer to the dirt.
- D. Pick the side that sounds more exciting to write about.

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

- A. True
- B. False

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

- A. Evidence
- B. Bias
- C. History
- D. Geography

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?

- A. A social media post from a student who is sad about it.
- B. A poster on the library door saying 'Save Our Books!'
- C. The official city budget report showing library spending.
- D. A fictional story about a library that disappeared.

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.

- A. Dictionary
- B. World Map
- C. Yearbook
- D. Thesaurus

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

- A. True
- B. False

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

- A. The ocean will turn purple because of the new law.
- B. Restaurants will have to find different ways to serve drinks.
- C. People will stop drinking water entirely.
- D. The weather will get colder immediately.

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

- A. Headline
- B. Caption
- C. Glossary
- D. Index

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

- A. True
- B. False

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

- A. The name of the publisher.
- B. Spelling mistakes in the old book.
- C. Changes or patterns over time.
- D. The fastest person in the town.