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The Integrity Gap: Advanced 8th Grade Source Verification Quiz

Scholars apply high-level lateral reading and algorithmic investigation to determine how digital footprints and academic attribution impact scholarly credibility.

1. An 8th-grade researcher finds a white paper on the health benefits of dark chocolate published by 'The Cocoa Research Institute,' which is funded by a major confectionery corporation. Which evaluation criterion is most critical here?

- A. Currency: The paper was published within the last three years.
- B. Authority: The authors have PhDs in nutritional science.
- C. Objectivity: The funding source indicates a potential conflict of interest.
- D. Relevance: The paper provides specific statistics on antioxidants.

2. Using 'Lateral Reading' involves staying on a single website to check its 'About Us' page rather than opening new tabs to see what other reputable sources say about that site.

- A. True
- B. False

3. When synthesizing information for a formal debate on urban planning, a student must use _____ to give credit for a unique idea within the sentence itself, even if they didn't use a direct quote.

- A. In-text citations
- B. Appositive phrases
- C. Abstract summaries
- D. Content footnotes

4. You are investigating the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre. You find a newspaper clipping from 1921 and a modern analysis by a Yale historian. How should you synthesize these sources?

- A. Discard the clipping as biased and only use the modern analysis.
- B. Use the clipping as a primary source for atmosphere and the analysis as a secondary source for context.
- C. Treat both as primary sources since they discuss the same event.
- D. Prioritize the newspaper because it was written by someone who was alive then.

5. A researcher discovers that a widely cited study on microplastics has been _____ by the journal due to flawed data. This source is no longer considered credible for academic writing.

- A. Redacted
- B. Indexed
- C. Retracted
- D. Annotated

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6. Information that is considered 'Common Knowledge,' such as the fact that the Earth revolves around the Sun, does not require a formal citation in an 8th-grade research paper.

- A. True
- B. False

7. Which of the following describes the 'Currency' aspect of source evaluation in the context of a rapidly evolving field like Artificial Intelligence?

- A. The author's net worth and professional standing.
- B. The regional dialect used in the information.
- C. The timeliness of the info; a source from 2018 may be obsolete.
- D. The total number of citations the paper has received.

8. To create a high-quality bibliography, an 8th grader must ensure their list of sources is organized _____ to help the reader easily locate specific entries.

- A. Chronologically
- B. Alphabetically
- C. By page count
- D. By popularity

9. If you paraphrase a paragraph from a National Geographic article by changing every third word into a synonym, you do not need to cite it because the wording is now yours.

- A. True
- B. False

10. Which research strategy is most effective for finding peer-reviewed, academic articles rather than general blog posts or opinion pieces?

- A. Searching trending hashtags on social media platforms.
- B. Using a library database or Google Scholar with the 'Peer-Reviewed' filter.
- C. Clicking the first three links in a standard search engine result.
- D. Reading the comments section of a popular news article.