

Real News / Fake News

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What is fake news?
- What is misinformation? Disinformation?
- Where are you more likely to find fake news? (Make a class list.)
- Where are you more likely to find real news? (Make a class list.)
- What are some differences between real news and fake news?
- What is the difference between persuasive writing and informative writing? Is this the same as the difference between real news and fake news?
- Why does fake news sometimes seem very real?
- Are there groups of people that are likely to have similar views among the people within their group? Why might people in a certain group agree with other members of the group?
- What news sources do you consider reliable?
- What news sources do you consider questionable?
- How do you check out a fact to see if it is true?
- What are some “red flags” that a post might be fake news?
- What is the difference between objective and subjective writing? Where might you find each type? Where do you think objective writing should be used? What about subjective writing?
- What is the difference between real news, fake news, and opinion?
- In which types of writing – informative, opinion, non-fiction narrative, fiction – do you think misinformation is a problem?
- For what different purposes might an author write a post about (Insert a topic of current interest here)?
- What rules do you think news reporters should follow to keep their news reports true and unbiased?
- What does “Be a part of the solution” mean? How can you be a part of the solution to the problem of fake news?