Fact Finders

After reading “Find the Facts” (January 24, 2020), use the guidelines below to fact-check a TFK article. Then use the chart to “show your search” of a webpage.

Internet Investigator Checklist

✓ Read closely. What is the article trying to tell you? Is it believable? Does it make sense?

Identify the main idea and the facts in the article or on the webpage. Take note of anything surprising or hard to believe, or to which you have a strong emotional reaction.

✓ Check the source. Is the information coming from a credible, unbiased person or group?

Find out more about the site owner and the author of the webpage. See what else the author has written. Consider whether the author or the site is making money from the post.

✓ Look for agreement. Do other credible sources have the same information?

See if the main idea and the facts are reported by other credible sites. Don’t be afraid to open new tabs to check other sources.

Just like showing your work in math, it can be helpful to “show your search” when checking the credibility of a site. The chart below can help you keep track of what you find.

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How credible is the source? (Circle one.) Fake news 😞 Questionable 👶 Credible 👍

Explain. ____________________________________________

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