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## Analyze a fact-check article

Fact-checking organizations monitor viral rumors, investigate them and share what they find. Here are a few standards-based fact-checking organizations and initiatives: [AP Fact Check](#), [Reuters Fact Check](#), [AFP Fact Check](#), [LeadStories](#), [Snopes](#) and [PolitiFact](#).

### Directions:

1. Go to one of the websites listed above and pick a fact-check article that interests you.
2. Use this sheet to dissect and analyze the fact check and consider how journalists investigated the rumor.
3. Reflect on how you can use fact-checking skills to verify or debunk other viral claims online.

<b>Title:</b>	
<b>Date published:</b>	
<b>Link to fact check:</b>	

**1. What is the headline of your chosen fact-check?** Fill out the table above.

**2. Read the article.** Pay close attention to the steps journalists took to verify or debunk the rumor. Then answer the questions below.

**3. Identify the claim.** Most fact-check articles focus on a viral claim and investigate one or more posts circulating on social media. In your own words, what is the central claim or main idea of the fact-check article you chose?

**4. Evaluate accuracy.** Is the claim accurate? Why or why not?

**5. Identify the fact-checkers' steps.** What steps did the journalist(s) take to determine whether the rumor was true?

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**6. Apply what you learned.** While this fact-check article was written by a professional journalist, anyone with access to the internet can fact-check most viral claims on their own. The next time you encounter a viral post you're unsure about, what steps can you take to investigate it on your own?