

NATIONAL NEWS LITERACY WEEK

Feb. 2-6, 2026

Activity Planner

For Libraries & Community Groups

Teach a news literacy standard every day!

News
Literacy
Project

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The News Literacy Project uses five primary standards to define the knowledge young people need to become skilled in news literacy. Use these activities from our newsletter *The Sift*®, and our **Checkology**® resource hub to focus on a different standard each day. Learn more about the five standards in our [Framework for Teaching News Literacy](#).

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Register for/log in to your FREE Checkology account before assigning these activities. If you're not affiliated with a school district, register as a homeschool.

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Standard 1
Zoning information

Distinguish news from other types of information.

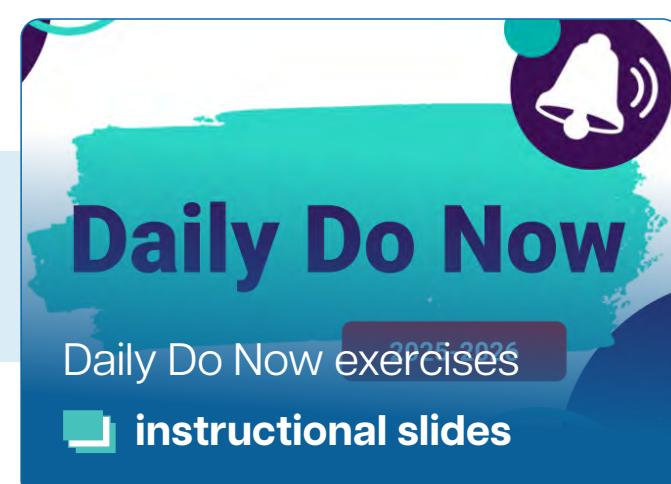


Available in English and Spanish



What is News?

poster



Daily Do Now exercises

instructional slides

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Standard 2
Free press

Acknowledge the importance of the First Amendment.



So, what's the First Amendment?

quiz



Know Your Rights: Which freedoms does the First Amendment Protect?

challenge



The First Amendment

poster

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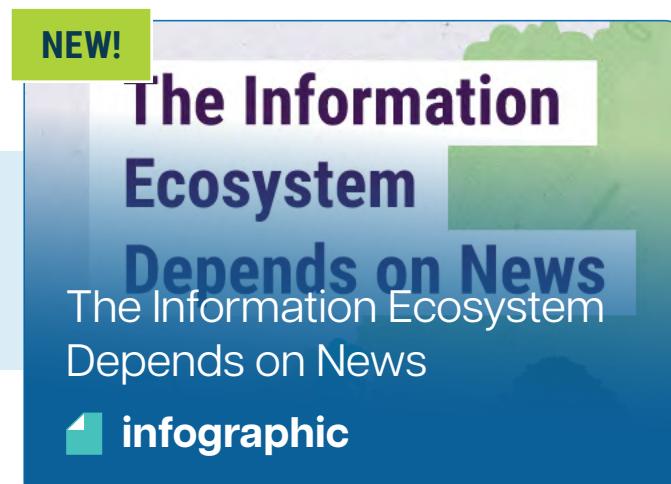
Standard 3
Credibility

Understand why journalistic standards are necessary and can discern credible information.



Seven standards of quality journalism

infographic



The Information Ecosystem Depends on News

infographic



Sift Quiz: Pink Slime

quiz

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Standard 4
Verification, analysis and evaluation

Demonstrate increased critical habits of mind, including effective verification skills.



AI or not?

lesson/unit plan



Is it legit? Five steps for vetting a news source

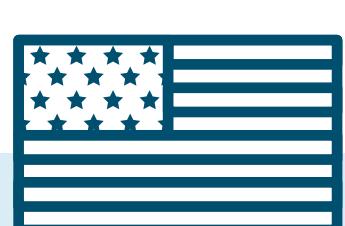
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RumorGuard™

website

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Standard 5
Civic participation

Express and exercise civic responsibility by seeking, sharing and producing credible information.



Seven steps for staying sharp online

infographic



Eight tips to Google like a pro

infographic



Scroll Smarter

newsletter for families and caregivers

Only have five minutes?

Try these ready-to-use slides that are updated weekly.



Daily Do Now:
Prompts and activities that engage audiences.



RumorGuard Guide:
Walk-throughs of real trending examples of misinformation.

instructional slides

Extra extra!

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IMPOSTOR ALERT:
Don't fall for fake Labubus or
fake knockoffs

infographic



Teen safety

Teen safety:
Tips for using AI and social media

infographic

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