

# NATIONAL NEWS LITERACY WEEK

Feb. 2-6, 2026

# Activity Planner

Teach a news literacy standard every day!

News Literacy Project

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

**checkology®**

Register for/log in to your FREE Checkology account before assigning these activities.

Search "NNLWeducator" once you've logged in for quick access to everything here.

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**Standard 1**

Zoning information

Students distinguish news from other types of information.

**infoZones**

InfoZones  
▶ interactive lesson

**six zones of information**

Six zones of information  
▶ poster

**What is NEWS?**

What is News?  
▶ poster

Available in English and Spanish

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**Standard 2**  
Free press

Students acknowledge the importance of the First Amendment.

**DEMOCRACY'S WATCHDOG**  
Democracy's Watchdog  
▶ interactive lesson

**DEMOCRACY'S WATCHDOG**  
Migrant Child Labor: Democracy's Watchdog:  
Migrant Child Labor  
▶ interactive lesson

**The First Amendment**  
The First Amendment  
▶ poster

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**Standard 3**  
Credibility

Students understand why journalistic standards are necessary and can discern credible information.

**What is NEWS?**  
What is News?  
▶ interactive lesson

**The Information Ecosystem Depends on News**  
The Information Ecosystem Depends on News  
▶ infographic

**The Sift® Quiz: Pink Slime**  
Sift Quiz: Pink Slime  
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**Standard 4**  
Verification, analysis and evaluation

Students demonstrate increased critical habits of mind, including effective verification skills.

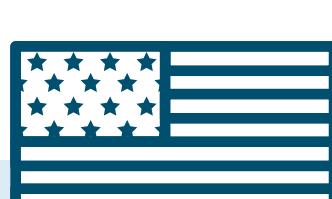
**Introduction to ALGORITHMS**  
Introduction to Algorithms  
▶ interactive lesson

**AI or not?**  
AI or not?  
▶ lesson/unit plan

**Is it legit?**  
Is it legit? Five steps for vetting a news source  
▶ infographic

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**Standard 5**  
Civic participation

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

**TAKE ACTION**  
Take Action ONE ACTIVITY  
▶ interactive lesson

**Staying Sharp Online**  
Seven steps for staying sharp online  
▶ infographic

**Google Like a Pro**  
Eight tips to Google like a pro  
▶ infographic

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## Only have five minutes?

Try these classroom-ready slides that are updated weekly.

**The Sift®**

Daily Do Now:  
Prompts that kick off class with engaging research-backed activities.

▶ instructional slides

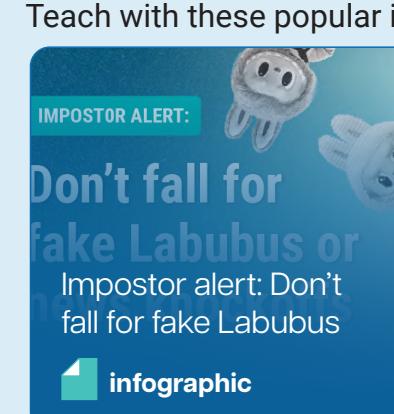
**RUMOR GUARD**

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

▶ instructional slides

## Bonus points!

Teach with these popular infographic/poster downloads.



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