

Media Literacy Discussion Questions

- 1) Why should you question media messages instead of simply accepting them as truths?
- 2) Why should we adopt a *'skeptic'* attitude regarding social media news?
- 3) How can we identify biases in news stories? Why should we identify biases?
- 4) What techniques are used to get you to share a news feed?
- 5) Why should you exercise caution before sharing a news story?
- 6) Why is it important to look at the sources of news in the media?
- 7) What are the most reliable sources of news? Why did you select these sources?
- 8) Why do some news stories go viral?
- 9) Do you think most viral stories are true or not true? Why?
- 10) How do you define fake news?
- 11) What would you define 'News' as?
- 12) Why should you always think about the impact of sharing a news report prior to sharing it?
- 13) Explain the following: The media constructs the message, the reader constructs the meaning.
- 14) What five things can you do to determine the legitimacy of a news story?
- 15) How can you help stop the spread of fake news?
- 16) Why is it important to discern fact from fiction?
- 17) Why is it important to determine biases in news?
- 18) Explain this statement "*The News isn't What it Used to Be*"
- 19) Brainstorm the impact of biases and opinions in the news.
- 20) Brainstorm all the ways you can 'spot fake news'.
- 21) Are policies needed to combat fake news? Why or why not?
- 22) Discuss the impact of headlines and photos to grab reader attention.
- 23) Why should you always ask questions about the media you read?
- 24) How can you take action with news stories that are exaggerated, misleading, false and biased?
- 25) Why is it important to know the difference between facts and opinions in the news?
- 26) Why is it important to know the difference between speculation and fact?
- 27) Advertisements sometimes look like news, (*sometimes referred to as sponsored stories*) how can you distinguish the difference? What is the negative impact of this type of news?