



ELA Virtual Learning

Grade 8/Media

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Objective/Learning Target:

I can compare and contrast information given in two different mediums.

WARM UP

On a piece of paper, make a list of all the reasons someone or something is trustworthy or believable. In other words, what makes you believe what someone is telling you or what you are reading from a book, magazine, website, etc.?

Next, create a second list. This one has all the reasons why you *wouldn't* believe what someone is telling you or what you are reading.



LEARN

What is medium/media?

Media : forms or systems of communication (such as newspapers, radio, or television)



Medium is singular: An article is one medium. A video is another medium.

Media is plural: Articles and videos are forms on media.

Is there one form of media that is best?

No! The important thing is that you evaluate whatever form of media you are using.

Learning continued...

Evaluate-

When you **evaluate** information from the media, you decide if it is **credible**. Can you **trust** it? Is it **true**?



Evaluate by looking at the source of the information.

Are there scientific studies to back it up or is it just somebody's opinion?



PRACTICE WITH INDEPENDENT WORK

You will be evaluating a video and an article on the same topic. Get out your notebook paper and your critical eyes!

As you watch this Video, answer these questions on your paper. You may need to pause and/or watch more than once.

1. Who is the speaker? What degrees does he have? What is his occupation?
2. What is his main claim?
3. Does he give information about the the studies and the sources of his information?



PRACTICE WITH INDEPENDENT WORK

Video Answers:

1. Who is the speaker? What degrees does he have? What is his occupation?

Nate Sowa, MD, PhD is a professor of Psychiatry.

2. What is his main claim?

Spending time in nature is beneficial to our mental health.

3. Does he give information about the the studies and the sources of his information? No, he does not.

PRACTICE WITH INDEPENDENT WORK

Next, open up this [article](#). On your notebook paper answer the following questions:

1. Who is the author? What is her occupation?
2. What is her main claim?
3. What does the author give to support most of her reasons?



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you need to step
outside, get some
fresh air, & remind
yourself of who
you are & who you
want to be.

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PRACTICE WITH INDEPENDENT WORK

Article answers:

1. Who is the author? What is her occupation?

Georgia Greville is an explorer.

2. What is her main claim?

Spending time outdoors has many benefits.

3. What does the author give to support most of her reasons?

She gives the links to the studies that support her reasons.

Independent Practice Continued...

Copy this chart. Compare and contrast the video to the article.

Video	Both	Article

Independent Practice Continued...

Suggested Answers:

Video	Both	Article
This is credible because an expert is giving the information.	Seem credible	This is credible because the author give sources for the information.
The video mostly discusses the mental benefits.	Discuss the benefits of being outside.	The article discusses physical and mental benefits.

Independent Practice Continued...

Now, your final evaluation of the information:

Copy these sentences and fill in the blanks?

After watching the video and reading the article, I believe the best medium for information about the benefits of being outside is the _____. While both had some credibility and valuable information, I prefer the _____ because _____.

Additional Resources

If you are still a little confused about **credibility**, watch this [video](#).

Are you interested in knowing if just watching nature scenes can be helpful? Check out this [video!](#)

