



Media Masters Rock – Activity Sheet (Grades 3–6)

Lesson 5: THINK LIKE A MEDIA MASTER!

Stop • Think • Check • Use Evidence

Name: _____

Grade: 3–6

1. What Is Critical Thinking?

Critical Thinking means using your brain to **figure out what's real and what's not**.
Media Masters always:



STOP – Don't react right away



THINK – Does this make sense?



CHECK – Is there evidence or proof?

Match the step to the example:

1. **STOP**

2. **THINK**

3. **CHECK**

A. "Is this even possible?"

B. "Don't respond yet."

C. "Where's the proof?"

Write the correct number beside each letter:

A: _____

B: _____

C: _____

2. Sense or Nonsense?

Read each post idea. Decide if it **makes sense** or **needs checking**.
Write **S** for *Sense* and **NC** for *Needs Checking*.

1. “Scientists discovered a new kind of jellyfish.” _____
2. “My little brother can turn invisible!” _____
3. “Pizza trees grow in Alabama!” _____
4. “Here’s a real math trick that helps with fractions.” _____
5. “Hamsters can fly if you train them!” _____

3. Feelings Check

Sometimes posts try to make you feel something FAST so you’ll click.

Read this post:

“Everyone is saying mean things about your friend.”

Answer each question:

1. **What feeling does this post create?**
☐ Angry ☐ Sad ☐ Worried ☐ Calm
2. **Should you react right away?**
☐ YES ☐ NO
3. **What should you do first?**
☐ Ask who said it
☐ Check if it’s true
☐ Hear the whole story
(Students may check more than one.)

4. Show Me the Evidence!

A video says: **“This pet hamster can fly!”**

Write ONE question a Media Master should ask:

Write ONE way you could check if it's real:

5. Truth Test! Which Post Is More Trustworthy?

Put a ✓ next to the post that seems **more likely to be true**:



Post A: "BREAKING: Tiny dinosaurs found in Alabama!"



Post B: "Scientists say rain comes from water in clouds."

Explain why you chose it:

6. Media Master Move – Create Your Own Example

Write *your own* example of something you should **STOP, THINK, and CHECK** before believing:

"My example:"

Optional Extension (for early finishers)

On a separate sheet, draw a comic strip showing a kid:

1. Seeing a wild post
2. Using Critical Thinking
3. Figuring out the truth