

★ Teacher Answer Key – Grade 8 Quiz

Media Masters Rock – Lesson 5: Think First!

1. Steve immediately questioned the claim that dinosaurs were alive in Alabama. Which critical thinking strategy was he using?

✓ B. Comparing the claim to established scientific knowledge

2. Why is the phrase “Stop. Think. Check.” essential for navigating digital spaces today?

✓ B. It helps prevent users from spreading misinformation or reacting impulsively

3. A post claims, “Scientists confirm pizza trees exist!” Which step demonstrates the MOST advanced critical thinking?

✓ C. Investigating whether legitimate scientific organizations have reported similar findings

4. A video tries to get you to react quickly by using dramatic music, bright flashing text, and emotional language. What technique is the creator MOST likely using?

✓ B. Emotional manipulation to override rational thinking

5. Which question should you ask FIRST when you see a surprising or unbelievable video online?

✓ C. “Who made this — and what do they want me to believe or do?”

6. What is the MOST reliable way to verify whether a viral video is real or AI-generated?

✓ D. Search for confirmation from multiple credible, independent sources

7. Why is relying solely on emotional reactions dangerous when evaluating a post?

✓ B. Strong emotions can cloud judgment and make false information seem true

8. A post about your friend makes you feel angry and embarrassed for them. What is the MOST responsible Media Master Move?

✓ D. Pause, investigate the source, and look for evidence before responding

9. Which Media Master Rule helps you uncover the *motivation* behind a post, such as money, fame, or popularity?

✓ D. Who’s Getting the Candy?

10. Which statement BEST explains why critical thinking is considered a “superpower” for digital citizens?

✓ B. It protects you from false information, emotional manipulation, and harmful posts