

Grade 8 Quiz — Lesson 5: Think First!

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

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

- A. Emotional reasoning
- B. Comparing the claim to established scientific knowledge
- C. Trusting the comments
- D. Reacting based on excitement

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

- A. It makes browsing faster
- B. It helps prevent users from spreading misinformation or reacting impulsively
- C. It improves your device’s performance
- D. It helps videos go viral

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

- A. Asking friends if they’ve seen the post
- B. Taking a quick guess based on the picture
- C. Investigating whether legitimate scientific organizations have reported similar findings
- D. Deciding based on whether the post has lots of likes

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?

- A. Humor
- B. Emotional manipulation to override rational thinking
- C. Academic research
- D. Neutral reporting

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

- A. "How long is this video?"
- B. "Do I like this creator?"
- C. "Who made this — and what do they want me to believe or do?"
- D. "How many followers do they have?"

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

- A. See if the comments argue about it
- B. Check how many times it was shared
- C. Ask classmates what they think
- D. Search for confirmation from multiple credible, independent sources

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

- A. Emotions are always wrong
- B. Strong emotions can cloud judgment and make false information seem true
- C. Emotions stop you from reading comments
- D. It makes posts load slowly

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

- A. Share it to “defend” them
- B. Leave an angry comment
- C. Ignore it completely
- 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?

- A. The Rubber Band Rule
- B. AQBS Rule
- C. How Full Is It?
- D. Who’s Getting the Candy?

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

- A. It helps you create funnier videos
- B. It protects you from false information, emotional manipulation, and harmful posts
- C. It makes your posts more popular
- D. It helps you scroll faster

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