



BONUS LESSON - MISTAKES - ACTIVITY SHEET — Grades 7-8

Critical Thinking Characters: Spot the Mistake & Fix It

Name: _____ Date: _____

Media Masters Rock – Think First Before You Click!

Below are characters who each made a critical-thinking mistake online. Your job is to spot the mistake, explain why it's a problem, and rewrite the situation using a **Media Master Move**.

PART 1 — Match the Character to the Thinking Mistake

Write the correct mistake beside each character.

Characters:

- A. Scroll Zombie Zack
- B. Captain Knee-Jerk
- C. Go With The Flow Flo
- D. Re-Post Robot
- E. Mean Maddy
- F. Meme Believer Cassy
- G. Headline Harry
- H. Overconfident Ollie
- I. Snap Judgement Sammy
- J. Everyone Says Ellie
- K. Echo Chamber Chad

Mistakes (Match each letter):

1. Reacts emotionally without thinking
2. Believes popular posts must be true
3. Shares anything without checking facts

4. Never questions trends
5. Assumes one video makes them an expert
6. Scrolls mindlessly and doesn't think critically
7. Thinks memes = truth
8. Takes headlines as facts
9. Jumps to conclusions
10. Only listens to people they already agree with
11. Posts hurtful content for attention



PART 2 – Analyze the Mistake

Choose **two** characters. For each:

1. Write the character's name
2. Explain exactly what their thinking mistake is
3. Explain **why** that mistake causes problems online

Example response length: 2–4 sentences.

Character #1: _____

Mistake Explanation:

Character #2: _____

Mistake Explanation:



PART 3 – Media Master Fix-It Rewrite

Below are short “bad posts.” Rewrite each one using a **Media Master Move** (think before you click, check for proof, choose kindness, ask questions, etc.)

1. **“OMG this headline says our school is haunted! I’m reposting!”**

Your Media Master Rewrite:

2. **“Everyone is laughing at this kid’s drawing — look!”**

Your Media Master Rewrite:

3. **“I watched one video, so trust me — I know how to fix your computer.”**

Your Media Master Rewrite:



PART 4 — Helpful, Hurtful, or Untruthful? (Write H, Hu, or U)

1. A post encouraging students to donate cans to the food drive.
2. A rumor that a teacher quit because of aliens.
3. A video mocking a classmate’s sports tryout.
4. A verified tutorial that helps you with science homework.
5. A meme claiming “drinking soda cures headaches.”



PART 5 — Think First: 3 Question Check

For each scenario, circle the most important Critical Thinking question the student should ask first:

A. You see a shocking AI-looking video of a flying hamster.

- **Who made this and why?**
- Where did the hamster learn to fly?
- How many likes does it have?

B. You see a post calling out someone from school with no details.

- **Is there proof it's real?**
- Should I comment something funny?
- How fast can I share it?

C. A post makes you instantly angry.

- **Why do I feel this way?**
- Who should I blame?
- How can I post back quickly?

Reflection (1–2 sentences)

Why is it important for older students (like you!) to recognize thinking mistakes online?