



BONUS LESSON – MISTAKES – Grades 7–8 - Teacher Answer Key

Critical Thinking Characters: Spot the Mistake & Fix It

PART 1 – Match the Character to the Thinking Mistake (ANSWER KEY)

Character	Mistake
A. Scroll Zombie Zack	6. Scrolls mindlessly and doesn't think critically
B. Captain Knee-Jerk	1. Reacts emotionally without thinking
C. Go With The Flow Flo	4. Never questions trends
D. Re-Post Robot	3. Shares anything without checking facts
E. Mean Maddy	11. Posts hurtful content for attention
F. Meme Believer Cassy	7. Thinks memes = truth
G. Headline Harry	8. Takes headlines as facts
H. Overconfident Ollie	5. Assumes one video makes them an expert
I. Snap Judgement Sammy	9. Jumps to conclusions
J. Everyone Says Ellie	2. Believes popular posts must be true
K. Echo Chamber Chad	10. Only listens to people they already agree with

PART 2 – Analyze the Mistake (Sample Responses)

Student answers will vary.

You may use these samples to guide scoring.

Example 1

Character: Headline Harry

Explanation: Harry believes everything he sees in a headline without reading the full article. This is a problem because headlines can be exaggerated or misleading. If he doesn't check the facts, he may share false information.

Example 2

Character: Snap Judgement Sammy

Explanation: Sammy jumps to conclusions based on little information. This causes problems because he may unfairly blame people or believe false stories without proof.

PART 3 – Media Master Fix-It Rewrite

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

Corrected Media Master Response:

“I should read the full article and check if it’s from a reliable source before I repost anything.”

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

Corrected Media Master Response:

“I won’t share something that embarrasses someone. I’ll choose kindness instead.”

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

Corrected Media Master Response:

“I should look up more information or ask someone who really knows. One video isn’t enough to be an expert.”



PART 4 – Helpful, Hurtful, or Untruthful?

#	Correct Answer
1	H (Helpful)
2	U (Untruthful)
3	Hu (Hurtful)
4	H (Helpful)
5	U (Untruthful)



PART 5 – 3 Question Check (Correct Answers)

A. Flying hamster video

✓ Who made this and why?

B. Post calling someone out

✓ Is there proof it's real?

C. Post that makes you instantly angry

✓ Why do I feel this way?



Reflection (Sample Response)

Recognizing thinking mistakes is important because it helps us avoid spreading false information, hurting others, or falling for tricks online. When we think critically, we make smarter and kinder choices.

(Student answers can vary but should reference critical thinking, evidence, responsible posting, etc.)

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