

Media Literacy: The Basics



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Media Literacy is important because sometimes knowing what is real and what is not helps us make important choices, like now during the COVID-19 pandemic.



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Media Literacy is the name for thinking critically about information we see and hear, no matter the subject.



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Sometimes fake news is created to intentionally mislead people, and sometimes it is created by someone who means well but got the facts wrong.



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It can be difficult to tell what the difference is between fact and opinion. Fact is based in science, while opinion is how someone feels about a topic.



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Sometimes real news sources update stories because more information became available. This is to be expected with new situations, such as the current COVID-19 pandemic.



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One way to tell if something is fact or opinion is to consider the source. Who shared the information, and what is their intention?



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When you see information about any topic, including COVID-19, it is up to you to make decisions about what to believe. Don't forget, you can always ask someone you trust to discuss the information you have come across if you are unsure whether or not it is real.

