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Can you explore contemporary news articles and consider their accuracy?

Fake News:

With the ever increasing issues surrounding fake news and wild stories told on social media, it is extremely important that we consider where our information is coming from. Your task is to conduct research, considering the **provenance** of your information.

Provenance = where it has come from

How do I know if I can trust a source of information?

Time – how long ago was it posted? Is it recent or old?

Relevance – is this linked to what I'm looking for?

Accuracy – does this make sense if I look at other websites too?

Author – who has written this? Are they an expert?

Purpose – why has this been written? Are they trying to persuade me of something?

Always remember these steps when trying to choose a place to find information!

House Challenge:

Find a 'good news' article from the year 2020. This can be something local within the Newark community, or it can be something you find on the internet. When you have found your news story highlighting something positive that has happened in 2020, you have two tasks:

1. Complete an **evaluation** of your article. Using the headings on the left, write a sentence or two assessing your source and how believable it is.
2. Complete an A4 poster to tell people about the good news story you have found. Remember to include the facts of the article!

HOT Question:

Why could fake news potentially be harmful? For example surrounding the pandemic?



Quiz:

Can you spot fake news? Take [this quiz](#) and see! Use their handy guide to help you.

Extension:



Scan this QR code or follow [this link](#) on your phone to explore a news article about some of the craziest fake news stories in 2020.