

Social Studies Summer Enrichment

10th Grade



- c. What sources did you use to learn about the organization? How do you know that these are good sources?

- d. How do you think the website's sponsor influences the information provided by the website?

- e. At this point, do you think this website is a strong source of information about raising the minimum wage? Explain

Lateral Reading

Introduction

▶ In today's world, a large percentage of the population relies on the internet and social media for news and related information. The internet is full of various sites and sources of information.

▶ Questions to ask yourself before diving into the information provided by a website:

▶ Who is behind the information?

▶ What is the evidence?

▶ What do other sources say?

Activity 1

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► <https://www.minimumwage.com/2014/10/denmarks-dollar-forty-one-menu/>

► Do you think that the article is Definitely reliable, somewhat reliable, not at all reliable, or are you not sure? Explain your reasoning. (on your guide questions document.)

The Lesson

- ▶ Often when we search for information on line, we engage in vertical reading. That is we find an article on the topic and immediately begin to read the article. If we do a further investigation, we may just click the about button to find out about the author/organization. We never leave the site.
- ▶ Today, we are going to engage in lateral reading, which requires us to investigate information of a site by going outside of the site.

Lateral Reading

Example

► Let's look at the article again and this time we will engage in lateral reading. (watch the video below) Click the link below to play.

<https://youtu.be/WJ7hoCnoOQc>

Lateral Reading

- ▶ After watching the screencast, what did you notice me doing?
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- ▶ How did my evaluation of the article compare to the one you wrote at the beginning of the lesson? What was similar? What was different?
- ▶ (answer these questions, which appear again on your guide questions sheet)

Practice Lateral Reading

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- ▶ <https://www.theodysseyonline.com/why-we-should-raise-the-minimum-wage>

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► Further video that illustrates the importance of lateral reading when evaluating information on line and determining the reliability of the information.

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