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Read Laterally for Accuracy

Part 1 Directions: Reading Laterally

Watch the CrashCourse video excerpt below and answer the video questions as you go. If you're in a group, you can share notes and responses.



Watch: **Check Yourself with Lateral Reading** (1:15 - 9:15 only)

CRASHCOURSE, YOUTUBE, 1/22/2019 (8 MINS.)

Video Questions:

1. What does John mean when he says "information does not just appear" on the internet?

2. What is the *first* question John says we must ask ourselves about things we see online?

3. Why is reading a website *vertically* not a great way to determine reliable information?



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4. What is *lateral reading* and why is it more effective than vertical reading to determine reliable information?

5. Where should you go when you read laterally?



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Part 2 Directions: Hoax or Real?

Select one of the videos below. Using lateral reading, determine whether the video is a hoax. Using the chart below, provide corroboration from trustworthy resources you can find. (This means you might not record every source you look at.) Be sure to avoid ads, sponsored links, and opinion pieces in your lateral reading. If you're in a group, each group member can select a different resource to explore.

Choose One:

Video 1



Watch: **Snowboarder Girl Chased by Bear**

MARK VDS, YOUTUBE, 12/4/2016 (1 MIN.)

Video 2



Watch: **Loggers Couldn't Believe What They Found in the Middle of a Tree!**

FACTSVERSE, YOUTUBE, 13/12/2018 (6 MINS.)

Video 3



Watch: **Proven Turmeric Cure Cancer**

HIWELLNESS, YOUTUBE, 4/1/2017 (5 MINS.)



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The video I investigated: _____

Corroborating Source (link or citation)	Evidence (1-2 bullets of how the source validates or debunks)

I determine the information in the video is: _____ hoax _____ real because ...

