

## Fact or Fiction?

Write title of your group's handout: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What makes your handout believable? List a statement or two that look valid.
2. How would you check the information to verify its accuracy? What sources would you use? (Encyclopedias, magazine articles, websites?)
3. What unique terms would you use to search in an index or database? Write down if you will combine them with AND, OR, NOT, if you will use a phrase ("\_\_\_\_") or use a wildcard (\*).

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4. Perform some searches from the classroom. Discuss what you find with your group and pick 3 reputable sources that confirm or deny the truth of your handout.

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5. If your information is false, circle the techniques used to convince the reader that this information is true.

- a. Persuasive argument
- b. Misquoting a source
- c. Taking information out of context or selective use of data
- d. Distortion or stretching of facts
- e. Flawed research (research based on too small a sample, improper scientific technique, unreported contrary findings etc.)