## How to Spot Fake News

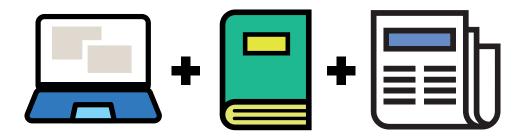
# Here are a few tips to help you avoid falling into the fake news trap!

### Identify the Source:

- Who wrote this article?
- Is it from a reliable source? Explore the website.
  Identify its purpose and read the "About" or "Who We Are" page. Research the person who produced the content.
- Is the website full of ads?

# Consult Other Sources:

 Be wary of information you hear through word of mouth and check whether reliable sources are reporting the same facts.



#### Listen to Your Gut:

 Many types of content seek to provoke us, shock us, or even just make us laugh. Satire, for example, may be presented as serious information.





 Headlines are often intentionally exaggerated to generate clicks.
 Get into the habit of reading the whole article instead of stopping at the headline.

#### Check the Date:

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• Information published in an old article is probably outdated.

#### **Assess Your Values:**

 Our own opinions and biases can colour our judgment. Don't share content just because someone asks you to or because it's going viral.

### Ask the Experts:

 When in doubt, ask someone who is used to spotting false information, like your teacher or a librarian.

