

## ACTIVITY 1: Pre-Class Assignment Answers

To prepare for our upcoming class, please watch the two videos and answer the following questions.

### Video links:

- 1) [How to Identify Fake News in the Age of Social Media](#)
- 2) [How to Spot Misinformation Online](#)

### Recommended Quiz Questions:

1. According to the first video, there is more fake news floating around online.  
A. True  
B. False
2. The first video stated that there is not necessarily more misinformation, but a higher quantity of misinformation is being shared on social media.  
A. True  
B. False
3. According to the first video, people who use social media are more susceptible to falling for fake news.  
A. True  
B. False
4. Why are we so susceptible to misinformation according to the first video link?  
A. We are uneducated and gullible.  
B. The internet often acts as an echo chamber, presenting information that aligns with our pre-existing beliefs due to the algorithms on social media.  
C. Most of the information out there is 'Fake News'.  
D. None of the above.
5. What percent of the first video's participants use what the presenter considers good fact-checking techniques to verify information?  
A. 50%  
B. 25%  
C. 10%  
D. 1%

6. Based on both videos, what is 'Click Bait'?
  - A. Headlines that seem fishy or exaggerated.
  - B. Headlines that may not align with what is written in the article.
  - C. A link that takes you to a site that has a virus.
  - D. Both A and B
  
7. What does the first video recommend when reading information online?
  - A. Avoid relying on a single source.
  - B. Look at the background of the author and see what they have published in the past.
  - C. Find out who financed the website.
  - D. All of the above.
  
8. What are some credible sources recommended by the second video?
  - A. Government agencies
  - B. Universities
  - C. Research and studies
  - D. Reputable news sources.
  - E. Only A through C.
  - F. All of the above.
  
9. What are some additional recommendations given by the second video?
  - A. Look at the URL in the post to see if it looks strange.
  - B. Determine whether the website looks slapped together, badly written, or has unusual grammar and sentence structure.
  - C. Read beyond the headlines.
  - D. Check in regularly with sources you trust.
  - E. Only A through C.
  - F. All of the above.
  
10. Which fact-checking websites were given in this video?
  - A. Snopes
  - B. PolitiFact
  - C. FactChecking.org
  - D. Washington Post Fact Checker
  - E. Only A and B.
  - F. All of the above.