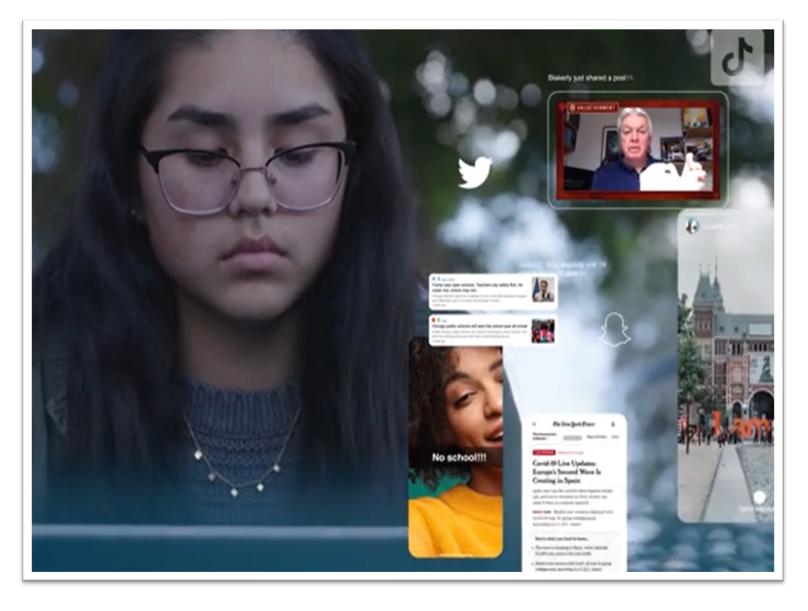
**News Literacy**Project

# Teaching news literacy with Checkology®

Help students tell the difference between fact and fiction.

Today's students are facing the most challenging information landscape in history.





# Young people have a right to news literacy education

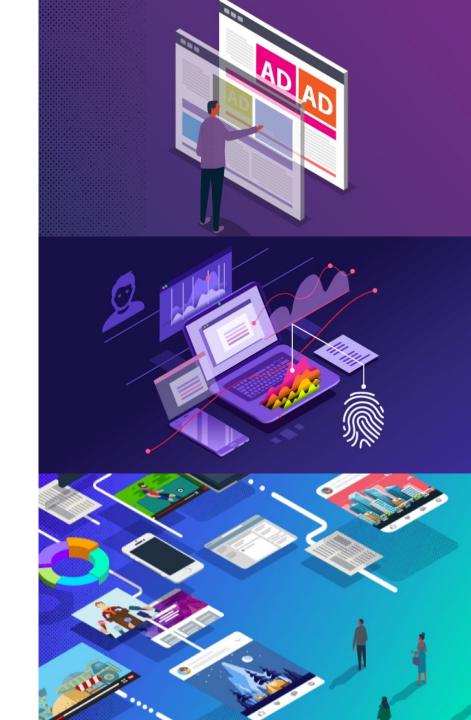


- 1. Information is the basis for civic literacy, agency and action.
- 2. Students are inheriting the largest and most complex information landscape ever.
- 3. We must prepare them to successfully navigate and play a role in shaping this landscape.

- 96% didn't consider ties in assessing a website's credibility.
- 68% couldn't tell difference between news and advertising.
- 52% believed Russian video was evidence of U.S. voter fraud.

**Source:** Stanford History Education Group's "Students' Civic Online Reasoning" report (2019)

What would a future look like in which students are *not* able to discern fact from fiction?



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### What is news literacy?

"I learned that misinformation can be shown in many different ways and you should always check the credibility of a piece of media before you believe or share it."

- Evan, 10th grade student





Determine the credibility of information as well as the credibility of the source of that information.





### Teachable skills

- Fact-checking
- Identifying misinformation
- Identifying purpose of information





Use the standards of authoritative, fact-based journalism in deciding what to trust, what to share and what to act on.



### **Multiple Credible Sources**

Eyewitness, official, expert

#### Verification

The process of checking, confirming and supporting information and facts

### Avoidance of Bias

Presenting the facts and context in as fair and accurate a manner as possible

#### Balance

Representing multiple sides of the issue, event or controversy without giving unfair weight to one side or point of view

#### Documentation

Documents, data, reports, video, photos or audio

#### Context

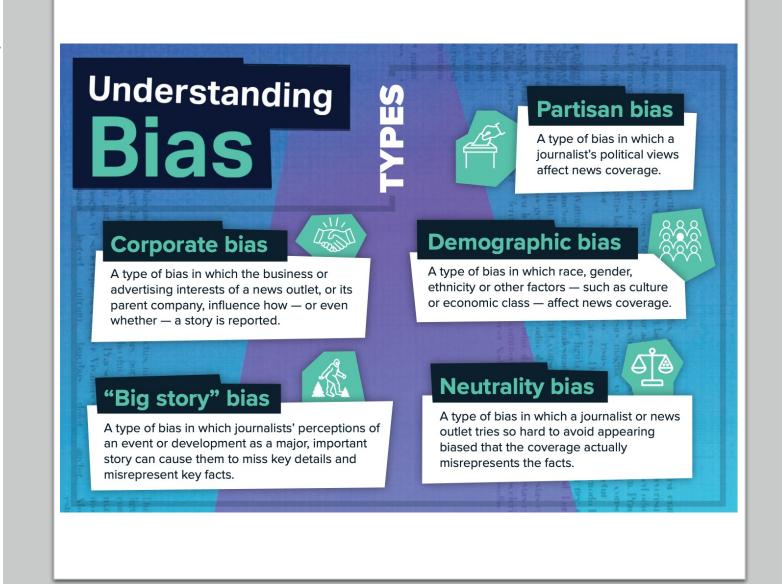
Presenting the facts in a way that makes their meaning clear, fair and accurate

### Fairness

Treating sources and subjects with appropriate respect, and giving subjects a chance to share their points of view or respond to any assertions or allegations about them

### Teachable skills

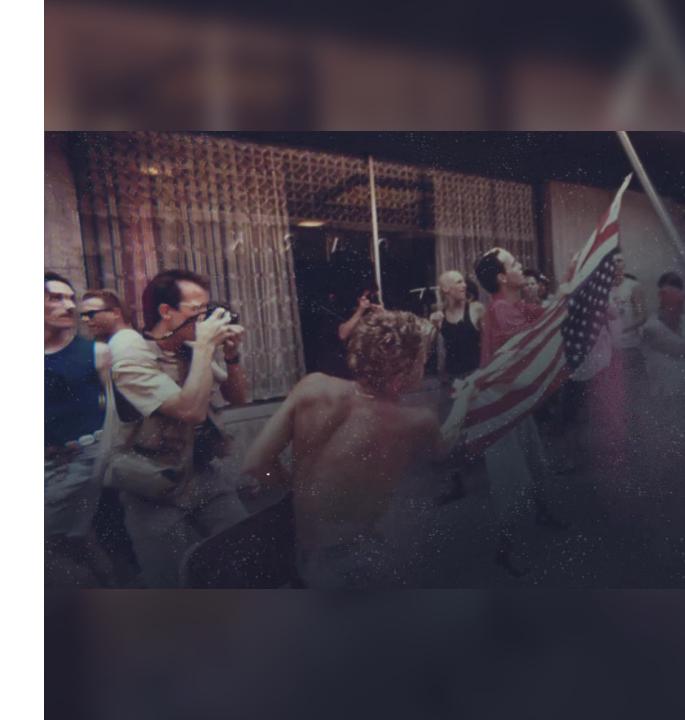
- Identifying the standards of quality journalism
- Understanding newsworthiness
- Understanding news media bias





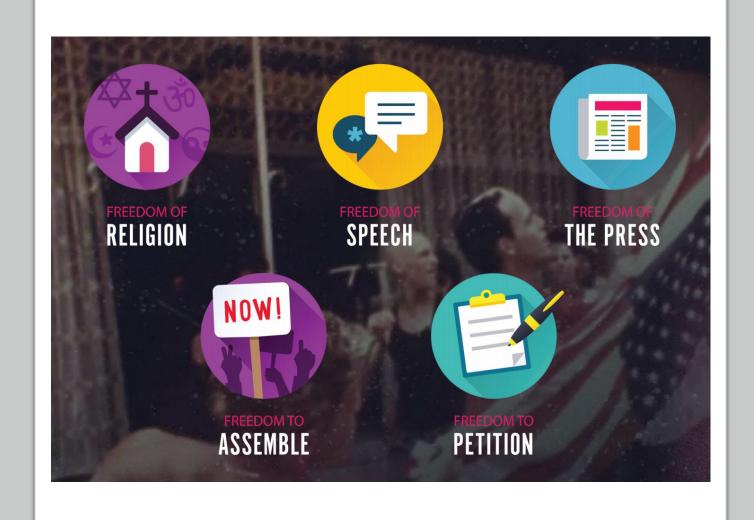
Understand the importance of a free press and interact with news and other information in ways that promote engaged participation in civic life.





### Teachable skills

- Identifying rights protected by the First Amendment
- Understanding the journalist's watchdog role
- Identifying the four main elements of press freedom





Checkology is a **free e-learning platform** with engaging, authoritative lessons on subjects like news media bias, misinformation, conspiratorial thinking and more.



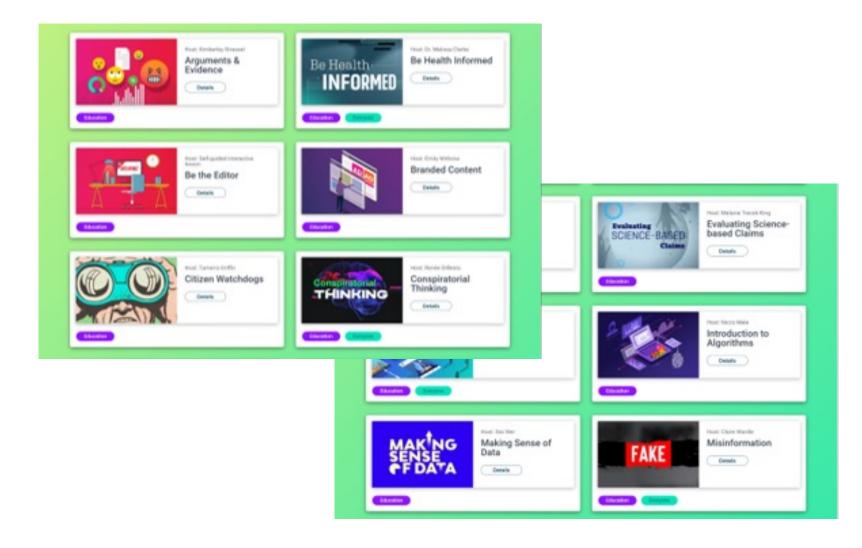
# Why educators love Checkology

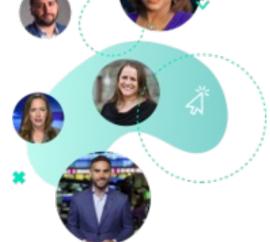
"If I were in charge, Checkology would be part of a national mandated curriculum for sure!"

- Aaron Feldstein, seventh grade social studies teacher



### Top journalists and experts lead the learning.



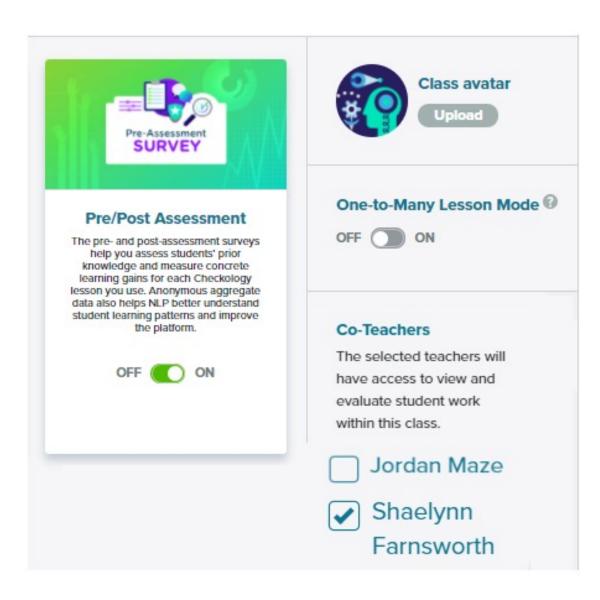




### Preview: "InfoZones"



**Preview:** "Practicing Quality Journalism"



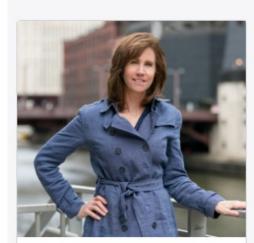
# Customizable settings to suit remote, hybrid and in-person classrooms.



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The Wall Street Journal



Elaine Aradillas
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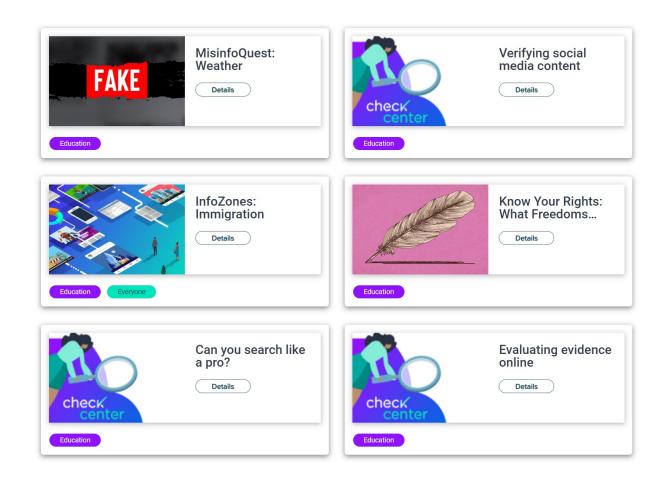


Joni Hirsch Blackman West Suburban Living Magazine/freelance



Hannah Bloch

Journalist visits to students through the Newsroom to Classroom program.

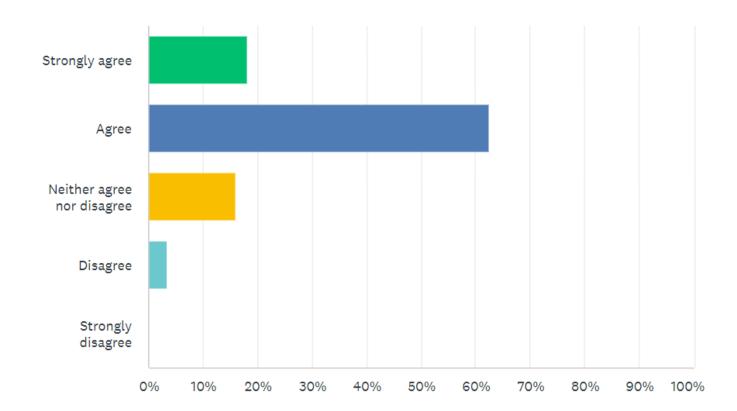


Practice, extend and fact-check with dozens of supplemental activities.

### Students enjoy it too!

Students in my classes enjoyed using Checkology.

Answered: 144 Skipped: 55



### Questions?



# Getting started on Checkology



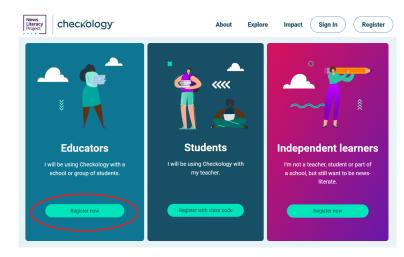
"I can't think of a more important time in history to have such an incredible resource available for students."

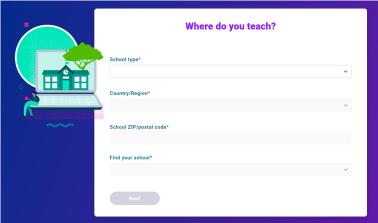
- Mecca Sadler, high school English/EL division head

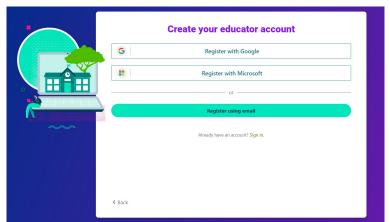
1. Go to **checkology.org**.

2. Register as an educator and connect with your school.

3. Create your account using email or a single sign-on option.

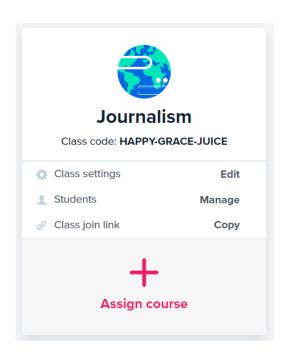






### Once you have an educator account, you can begin...

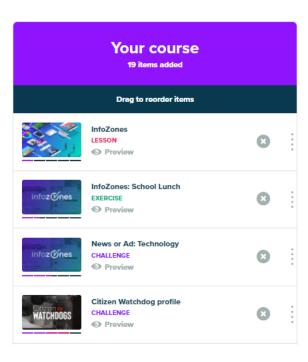
## Creating your first class.



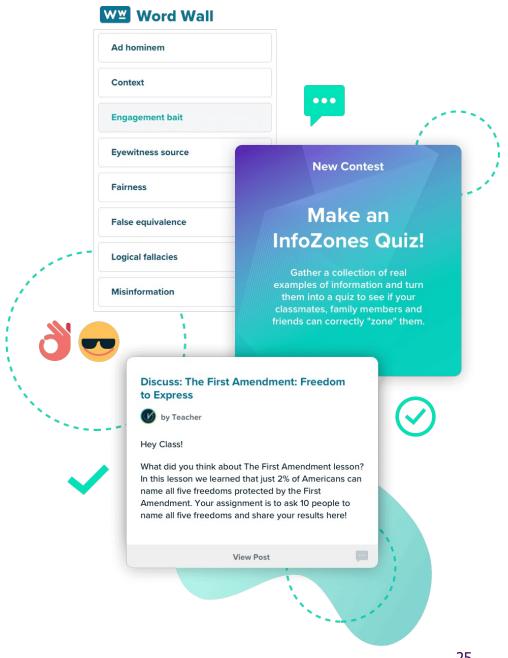
## Adding students.



### Assigning a course.



Register, explore and plan your first Checkology lesson!



For more info or support, please visit:

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