



Develop News Media Literacy in the Digital Age

What is media? It's a means of mass communication. News media communicates information and current events. But how do you make sense of it all? To better understand and respond to what you read, see, and hear, follow these tips.

1

CHECK THE STORY AND SOURCE BEFORE REACTING TO A HEADLINE

Don't forward, share, or retweet something until reading all of it—and looking at the source!

2

KEEP IN MIND: OLDER NEWS MEDIA MAY BE WISER

Start with mainstream magazines, newspapers, and television channels that have been around and have long histories.

3

KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN *BIASED* AND *FALSE*

Choosing to feature certain stories may make some media biased, but it doesn't mean the stories aren't true.

4

VIEW MEDIA AS A BEST FRIEND OF THE PEOPLE

People must be informed in order to make good decisions. That means you!

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