The Source Sleuth

Chapter 5, pages 35 to 41 of the book · Ages 8 to 12 · Five days, 30 to 40 minutes a day

GOALS

- Judge a source with four tests: expertise, evidence, purpose and track record.
- Place sources on the Source Ladder.
- Use lateral reading to check an unfamiliar website, with an adult.

KEY WORDS

source, reliable, bias, peer review, lateral reading

MATERIALS

The book, paper and pencil, and a phone or computer with an adult for the QR games.

THE WEEK

Day 1: Four tests. Read Chapter 5 through the four tests. Pick three things the child has read or watched this week and give each a score on the four tests.

Day 2: The Source Ladder. Read the Source Ladder section and study the picture. Do Try It 5 (rank the bee sources). Check with the Answer Key.

Day 3: Lateral reading. Read about lateral reading. With an adult at the computer, do the Lateral Reading Race Detective Challenge.

Day 4: The suspicious claim. Read the banana-post teaching case. The child writes a fake suspicious post with five red flags, then the adult finds them.

Day 5: Show what you know. Answer the Chapter 5 review. Use the Source Sleuth QR with an adult. Start the one-week Practice Mission.

HOW TO KNOW IT WORKED

- Lists the four tests from memory.
- Ranks the bee sources with a sensible reason for first place.
- Explains why a .edu address is a clue, not a guarantee.

Answers to every Try It, review question and puzzle are in the Answer Key at the back of the book. Global Sovereign University: Different by Design. Better by Mission.