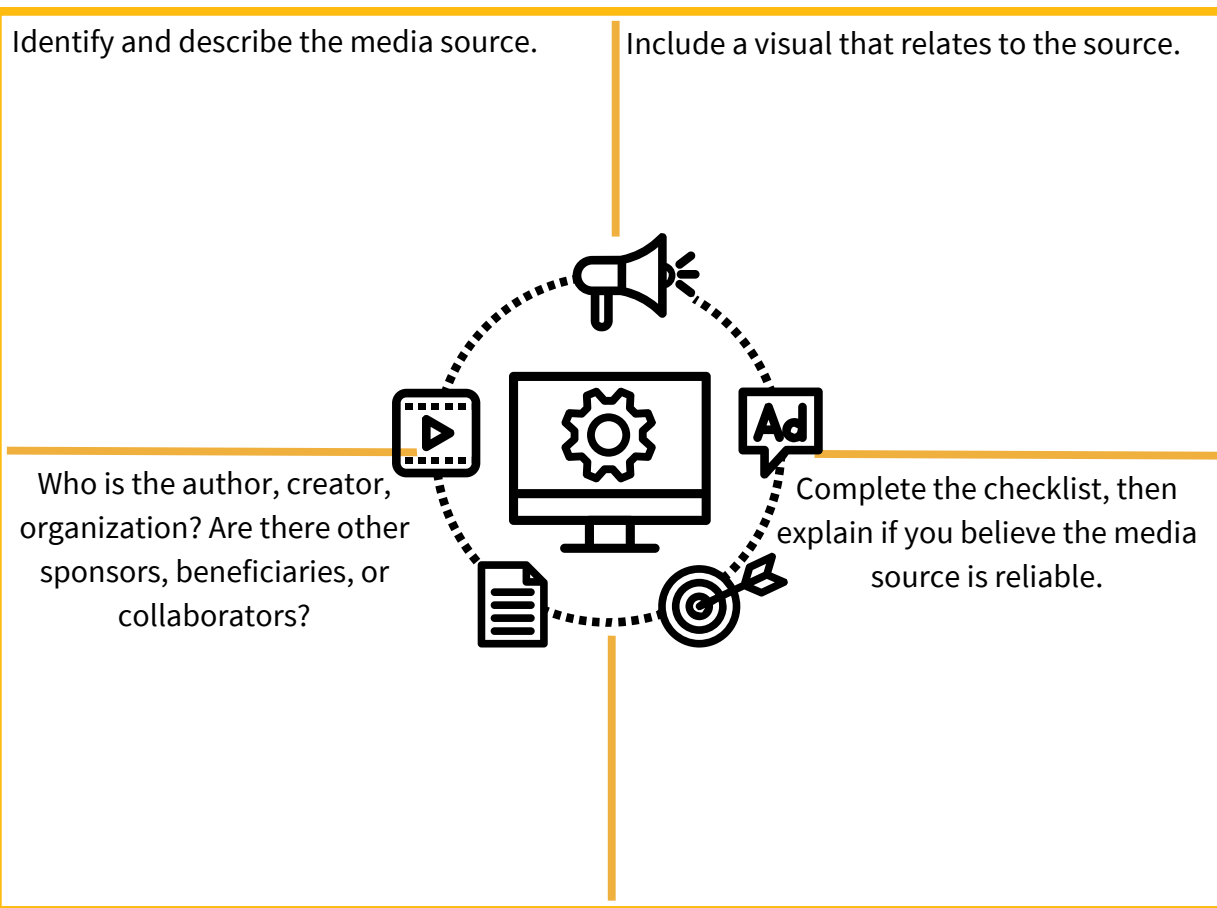


Analyze a Source

To avoid the spread of false information and determine if a source is reliable, it is important to practice critical thinking. Choose a source of media that you have seen recently, such as from a social media or streaming account that you follow or subscribe to. As you review and research the media source, use the graphic organizer and checklist to help you analyze it.



Critical Thinking Checklist

Answer these questions about the author/creator of the media source:

- What is their background and experience?
- What tone or feeling is it portraying?
- Where are they getting information from?
- Do they cite their sources?
- What motivations, intentions, or reasons are behind why they made this media?

Do you notice any of these warning signs about the media source?

- It suggests you do or buy something.
- It shares information that could be false.
- No other sources repeat the same information.
- It is presented in a way that targets you.
- It includes emotionally charged words or phrases.
- It supports the spread of fear, hate, or discrimination.

Extension: Using art supplies of your choice, create a visual representation (ex. poster, collage, illustration, digital art) that highlights the importance of media literacy, provides tips for spotting warning signs of misinformation, and/or encourages critical thinking about media sources. Collaborate with others to share your artwork.