

# RESEARCH LIKE A Fact Checker



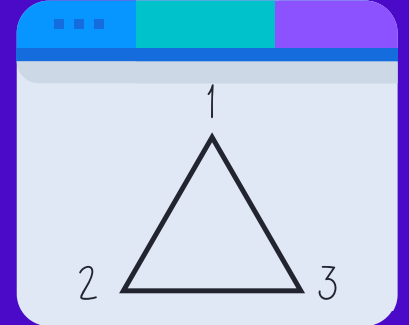
How Digital Detectives  
Open New Tabs and Apps  
to Investigate Information!



## FIRST

Think outside the tab (or app)!

Instead of only interrogating clues within the article, video or post itself, Digital Detectives open new windows or tabs, or even new apps, to search for corroborating (or conflicting) evidence from other sources. This is sometimes called triangulation.<sup>1</sup>



## NEXT

Look for clues that reveal motives.



### Questions Digital Detectives Ask:

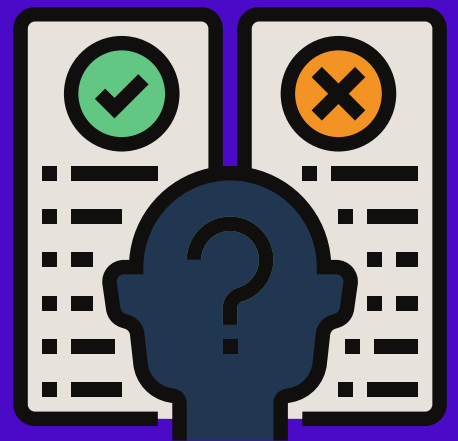
- Who funds or sponsors the source where the original piece was published?<sup>2</sup>
- Is the creator of this information connected to other people or groups who might influence their work?
- Do these relationships reveal a conflict of interest?

## NEXT

Look for clues that reveal the author's qualifications.

### Questions Digital Detectives Ask:

- Have questions been raised about other articles the author has written?
- Does the author have background or experience that would make them an expert on this topic?
- Do other credible sources cite the author as an expert?<sup>3</sup>



## THEN

Look for clues about how others have viewed the information.



### Questions Digital Detectives Ask:

- Have fact checking organizations assessed whether or not this information is credible?
- Have other sources contradicted this information?
- Are credible sources sharing (or more importantly **NOT sharing**) this information?<sup>2</sup>

### Works Cited:

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