

Dorian - what's in the news?

Let's have a look at how different websites write about the same piece of news.

In pairs or in groups of three you will look at the news about **Hurricane Dorian**. Each group will look at one news source and answer questions about how that source portrays the news.

The Wall Street Journal	
USA Today	
Los Angeles Times	
The New York Times	
Houston Chronicle	
Tampa Bay Times	
The Washington Post	
New York Post	
The Boston Globe	
Seattle Times	
CNN	
NBC News	
Fox News	
MSNBC	

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Names: _____

News source (URL): _____

Start by reading the news about Dorian. Help each other out to understand the text.

1. Try to summarize the most important facts from the text in keywords, not full sentences. Use no more than 15 words.

2. Where is the source located? How far is that from Florida? Use Google Maps to measure the distance. Do you think the distance affects the reports? Why? Why not?

3. An important factor about news is about time. How recently was the article published? Sometimes it matters a lot, sometimes not as much. Do you think it matters a lot in this case? Why? Why not?

4. On a website we often see a mix of different media. Which kinds did you see on the website you looked at? Circle the ones you see.

- a. text
- b. sound clips
- c. video
- d. other animated items
- e. hyperlinks
- f. contact forms
- g. search fields
- h. others: _____

5. When looking at information online it's important to be critical. When looking at source criticism we focus on four basic criteria: authenticity, time, dependency and tendency. Considering these four, do you think your source is trustworthy? Place your source on a scale of 1-10 where 10 is the most trustworthy.

a. Authenticity:

Time:

b. Dependency:

Tendency:
