Behind the Post

Read a digital update for its message and reliability.

10.DL.12 "Interpret digital texts to determine subject, occasion, audience, purpose, tone, and credibility."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline words that reveal the subject and what prompted the post, circle clues to its audience and purpose, box words that set its tone, and number two details that help you judge its credibility.

Refill Station Trial: A Fictional Student News Post

1 Campus Wire, a student-run site at fictional Harbor Ridge High, posted this update on October 14, 2026. By Imani Ortiz. On Monday, the school announced a four-week trial of a refill station beside the gym. The trial begins October 19, as after-school practices continue. Students can refill bottles there during lunch and after practice. The announcement follows a student council petition asking for easier access to drinking water. If you carry a bottle, you may want to check the station's location before your next practice. The school has not said whether the station will stay after the trial.

2 According to a notice posted on the school's website, custodians will record how many times the station is used each day. The notice does not say how they will count use or whether they will count fewer disposable bottles in trash bins. Student council president Nia Vale said the petition received 186 signatures, but Campus Wire has not seen the petition itself. A link labeled 'School notice' appears below this post so readers can compare the plan with the school's own words. No link to the petition is provided.

3 Some students hope the station will make it easier to stay hydrated without buying a drink. Others wonder if the line will be too long between classes. This post cannot tell you whether the trial will reduce bottle waste; no waste totals have been collected yet. Campus Wire will request the school's use records when the four weeks end and post a follow-up. Once the trial begins, you can send a comment through the site. Include when you visited, but do not post another student's name. Readers should separate what the school has announced from what students predict will happen.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What is the post's subject, and what event prompted it?

2. Who is the likely audience, and what does the writer want that audience to do with this update?

3. What tone does the post use? Give one phrase that supports your answer.

4. Identify one detail that supports the post's credibility and one limit on what its evidence can establish.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

A neighborhood account posts, 'The park fountain is unsafe! I heard it from someone. Share this now.' Write a 70 to 100 word evaluation of its subject, likely occasion, audience, purpose, tone, and credibility. Name one source you would check before sharing it.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline words that reveal the subject and what prompted the post, circle clues to its audience and purpose, box words that set its tone, and number two details that help you judge its credibility. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is the post's subject, and what event prompted it?	**The subject is the refill station trial. The school's announcement of the trial, following a student council petition, prompted the post.**
2	Who is the likely audience, and what does the writer want that audience to do with this update?	**The likely audience is Harbor Ridge High students, especially those who carry bottles or attend practice. The writer wants them to know about the trial and distinguish the announced plan from predictions about its results.**
3	What tone does the post use? Give one phrase that supports your answer.	**The tone is measured or cautious. For example, the writer says the post 'cannot tell you whether the trial will reduce bottle waste.'**
4	Identify one detail that supports the post's credibility and one limit on what its evidence can establish.	**The post links to the school's notice, which readers can check. It cannot establish that the trial will reduce bottle waste because no waste totals have been collected.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The post is about whether the park fountain is safe to use. It seems to respond to a recent rumor, although no date or event is given. Its likely audience is local park users, and its purpose is to get them to share a warning quickly. The exclamation point and 'Share this now' create an urgent, alarmed tone. The writer does not name a source or provide test results, so the claim is not verified. Before sharing it, I would check an alert from the local water department.

Accept reasonable audience and purpose interpretations grounded in the wording. For credibility, students should distinguish a checkable source from an unverified claim or prediction.