Heat Alert Evidence

Compare public claims across text, audio, and video.

11.CL.13 "Synthesize multiple sources of information (including diverse media), evaluate the credibility and accuracy of each source, and share information orally."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one claim from each available source, circle details that limit what a source can prove, and number two places where sources support or challenge each other.

Is the Cooling Site Accessible?

1. During a July heat alert, the fictional town of Alder Creek opened the public library as a cooling site. The town's official webpage listed the site as open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each weekday, with free drinking water. A library sign in a short phone video appeared to show the same hours, but the video ended with someone trying a locked door at 5:40 p.m. Its caption declared, "The town lies about access." The upload included no date, and the camera never showed which entrance the person tried. What can residents responsibly conclude?

2. The library's weekly attendance log, posted by the library director, recorded 42 cooling-site visits on Monday and 37 on Tuesday. A visit is not necessarily a different person, and the log did not record anyone who could not get inside. In a local radio segment, two bus riders said the last bus from their neighborhood reached the library after 5 p.m., leaving little time to cool off. The host named the riders and gave the interview date, but did not check the bus schedule on air. The segment describes a possible barrier, not its frequency.

3. At the next council meeting, a student must give a one-minute update about whether the cooling site is accessible. She finds a transit agency schedule dated that week: the last bus reaches the library stop at 5:18 p.m. on weekdays. The schedule supports the riders' concern about limited time, though it says nothing about the locked door in the video. She also learns that the library has two entrances and asks the director for dated door records before treating the video as proof of early closure. Her update must distinguish confirmed hours, observed use, and unresolved access problems.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which source is best for checking the site's planned hours? Why can't it establish when the library actually closed?

2. Can the attendance log settle whether anyone was shut out? Explain what its figures do and do not count.

3. How does the transit agency schedule affect the credibility of the radio riders' concern? What does it leave unverified?

4. Why should the student avoid repeating the video's caption as a proven finding? Give two details from the passage.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a 90 to 110 word script for a brief council update recommending one action. Combine at least three different source types, qualify one claim about access, and name a specific check the council should make.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline one claim from each available source, circle details that limit what a source can prove, and number two places where sources support or challenge each other. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which source is best for checking the site's planned hours? Why can't it establish when the library actually closed?	**The town's official webpage lists the planned hours. A posted schedule does not prove the doors stayed open until 6 p.m.**
2	Can the attendance log settle whether anyone was shut out? Explain what its figures do and do not count.	**No. It counts visits on Monday and Tuesday, not distinct people or people who tried to enter but could not.**
3	How does the transit agency schedule affect the credibility of the radio riders' concern? What does it leave unverified?	**The dated schedule confirms a weekday arrival at 5:18 p.m., supporting the concern about limited time. It does not show how many riders faced that barrier.**
4	Why should the student avoid repeating the video's caption as a proven finding? Give two details from the passage.	**The upload has no date, and the camera does not show which of the library's two entrances the person tried.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Council members, I recommend testing an extra hour of library service during heat alerts. The town webpage lists a 6 p.m. closing time, while the transit agency's dated schedule places the last bus at the library at 5:18 p.m. Those records suggest a narrow window for riders, and the radio interviews explain why that window matters to some residents. The director's log shows visits, but it cannot count people who never entered. An undated video of a locked door cannot establish early closure, especially with two entrances. Before changing the schedule, ask the director to verify dated door records and count arrivals after 5 p.m.

Accept other defensible recommendations if the script combines at least three source types and distinguishes documented information from unresolved claims. Check that the proposed verification addresses a specific gap in the evidence.