Smart Source Choices

Evaluate, credit, and use digital sources responsibly.

7.R.1.G "Demonstrate ethical and responsible use of all sources, including the Internet, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and new technologies, as they develop."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each action Maya takes to use a source responsibly. Circle the words that show why she checks, credits, or rejects that source. Use the supplied Source Card A for Question 5.

Researching a Skate Park Proposal

1. When Maya's class began researching a proposal for a new skate park, Maya searched the city website, a local newspaper, and the parks department's public survey. She recorded each source's title, author or organization, date, and web address in a notes table. A newspaper article quoted residents, but Maya opened the survey report to check whether the quotation matched the original results. The report showed that 412 of 650 respondents supported the proposal. Maya wrote the number with the report's name beside it.

2. Next, Maya asked an AI chatbot to suggest questions for an interview with a parks planner. The chatbot offered useful ideas, but it also named a report that Maya could not find on the city website or in the library catalog. She did not use that claim. Instead, she checked every AI suggestion against reliable sources and added a note to her project explaining that she had used AI for brainstorming. Maya did not paste the chatbot's sentences into her report, because she needed to write her explanation and show where her facts came from.

3. While making a slide, Maya found a striking photo of a crowded skate park on a blog. The caption gave no photographer's name, date, or permission statement. Maya chose not to copy it into her slideshow. She searched the city's media page instead and found a photo marked public domain. Below the image, she listed the city department, the photo title, the web address, and the access date. She also avoided adding classmates' names or private messages to the slide.

SOURCE CARD A: SKATE PARK SURVEY CARD

Field	Information
Creator / date	Lesson Maker Pro / 2026
Source type	Fictional classroom data; created for this worksheet
Question	Do you support the proposed skate park?
Support	12 of 20 respondents
Do not support	8 of 20 respondents

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which four details did Maya record for each source in her notes table?

2. Why did Maya open the original survey report before using the newspaper quotation?

3. Why did Maya leave out the AI chatbot's claim about a report?

4. What information was missing from the blog photo, and what did Maya use instead?

5. Check this draft claim against Source Card A: "Everyone in the town supports the skate park." Write a corrected finding in your own words, using a specific card detail. Credit the card's creator, title and year, and identify the information as fictional classroom material.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

You are preparing a one-slide proposal about an improvement at your school. Write 4 to 5 sentences explaining how you will use a website, AI if you choose to use it, and an image responsibly, including how you will verify information, give credit, and protect privacy.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each action Maya takes to use a source responsibly. Circle the words that show why she checks, credits, or rejects that source. Use the supplied Source Card A for Question 5. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which four details did Maya record for each source in her notes table?	**The source title, the author or organization, the date, and the web address.**
2	Why did Maya open the original survey report before using the newspaper quotation?	**She checked whether the quotation matched the original survey results.**
3	Why did Maya leave out the AI chatbot's claim about a report?	**She could not find the report on the city website or in the library catalog, so she could not verify the claim.**
4	What information was missing from the blog photo, and what did Maya use instead?	**The blog photo had no photographer name, date, or permission statement. Maya used a city media-page photo marked public domain and credited its source information.**
5	Check this draft claim against Source Card A: "Everyone in the town supports the skate park." Write a corrected finding in your own words, using a specific card detail. Credit the card's creator, title and year, and identify the information as fictional classroom material.	**The claim is unsupported: only 12 of these 20 respondents supported the proposal; eight did not. The fictional sample does not establish what everyone in the town thinks. Credit: Lesson Maker Pro, Skate Park Survey Card, 2026; fictional classroom source card.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I will use my school district's facilities webpage to find facts about recycling bins and record its title, organization, web address, and date. I will use an AI chatbot only to brainstorm questions, then check each idea against the district webpage or another reliable source. I will choose an image with a license that allows reuse and list the photographer, image title, website, and access date. I will not include students' names, faces, or private messages without permission.

Accept equivalent responses that identify checking claims with reliable original or official sources, recording source information, and rejecting unverified information. For Part 3, look for responsible AI use, image permission and credit, and protection of private information. For Question 5 inspect the completed corrected finding and actual attribution, not a plan to verify later. Accept accurate paraphrases with the card's scope preserved and a clear creator/title/year credit. The card is an original fictional teaching source supplied here, separate from the narrative's described sources; it is not a real survey, official notice or scientific study. No live website, AI tool or personal information is needed.