

Proof Before Publish

Trace, verify, credit, and disclose your source use.

12.R.1.H "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 check, credit, or responsibly use information. Circle the AI-generated claim that Maya checks, so you can trace how she protects accuracy and accountability.

Reporting on Facial Recognition

- ① For the school newspaper, Maya investigates a proposal to use facial-recognition cameras at stadium entrances. She begins with the district's posted agenda and the vendor's technical brochure. The agenda is a primary record of what officials plan to discuss, while the brochure describes a company product and may emphasize benefits. Maya also finds a university privacy center's report and a local news article. Before drafting, she records each author's name, publication date, web address, and the claim she may use. Saving this information lets readers locate the original context.
- ② Search results do not decide which evidence Maya trusts. A high-ranking post can be outdated, copied from another site, or shaped by advertising. She reads the privacy report's methods and date, then compares its conclusions with the vendor's stated accuracy claims. When the two sources disagree, she names the disagreement rather than selecting the claim that best fits her opinion. She quotes a board member's public statement exactly and identifies the speaker. For the news article, she follows its links to determine whether a reported statistic came from a public record or an unnamed source.
- ③ An AI writing tool helps Maya turn her notes into possible questions for an interview, but it is not evidence. The tool produces a sentence saying the board approved cameras last spring. Maya checks the agenda and meeting minutes, finds no approval, and removes the sentence. In her draft, she cites the agenda, report, and article beside the ideas they support, using quotation marks for borrowed words. She adds a brief note explaining that AI helped generate interview questions and that she verified the article's factual claims herself. She also chooses a properly licensed stadium photograph and avoids identifying students in it.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Why does Maya treat the district agenda differently from the vendor's technical brochure?

2 What does Maya do before relying on a statistic in the news article?

3 How does Maya handle disagreement between the privacy report and the vendor's accuracy claims?

4 What false AI-generated claim does Maya find, and how does she correct it?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write a 100-130 word source-use plan for a school newspaper story about a proposed student wellness app. Name two sources you would use, explain one source's limit, describe a verification step, and state how you would use or avoid AI while protecting privacy or media rights.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each action Maya takes to check, credit, or responsibly use information. Circle the AI-generated claim that Maya checks, so you can trace how she protects accuracy and accountability. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why does Maya treat the district agenda differently from the vendor's technical brochure?	The agenda is a primary record of what officials plan to discuss. The brochure describes the vendor's product and may emphasize benefits.
2	What does Maya do before relying on a statistic in the news article?	She follows the article's links to find out whether the statistic came from a public record or an unnamed source.
3	How does Maya handle disagreement between the privacy report and the vendor's accuracy claims?	She names the disagreement instead of choosing the claim that best fits her opinion.
4	What false AI-generated claim does Maya find, and how does she correct it?	The AI says the board approved cameras last spring. Maya checks the agenda and meeting minutes, finds no approval, and removes the sentence.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

For a story about a proposed student wellness app, I would use the district's draft contract and its student-data privacy policy. The contract shows what the vendor promises, but it has a business purpose, so I would compare it with guidance from the state attorney general's office about student privacy. I would verify any claim about data sharing by asking the district privacy officer for the policy section and date. I could use AI to brainstorm interview questions, but I would not upload student records or unpublished survey responses. I would check every AI suggestion against original sources and disclose that limited use. I would request permission before photographing students for the story.

Accept equivalent answers that accurately identify source purpose, verification, attribution, AI checking, licensing, or privacy practices described in the passage. For the open response, accept plans within the word range that include all requested elements and show responsible handling of sources, AI, and privacy or media rights.