DUSTING FOR PRINTS!

A DIGITAL DETECTIVE'S GUIDE TO:

LENS #3 FORENSICS

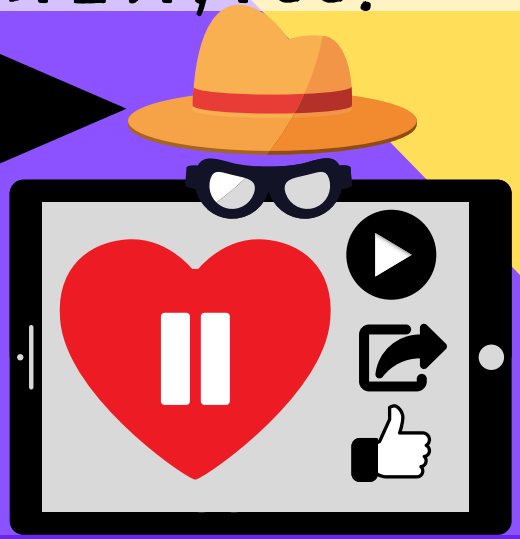
Before you...

- TRUST
- SHARE
- ENDORSE

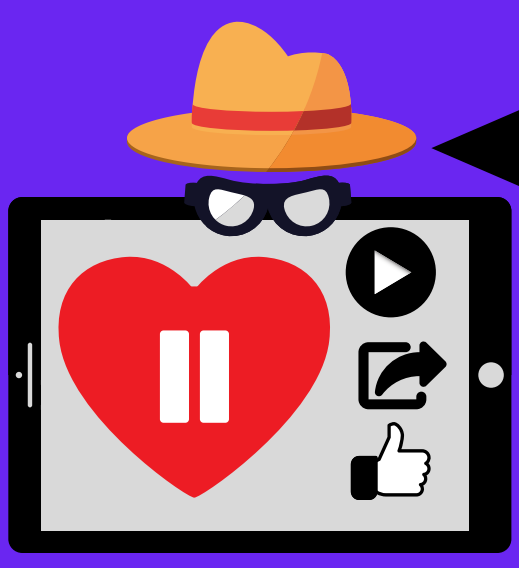
Ask Yourself...

1. WHAT DO I KNOW ABOUT THE PERSON/GROUP SHARING THIS? DID THEY CREATE IT, TOO?

IF THE ANSWER IS: I'M NOT SURE.
THEN: IT'S TIME TO PRESS PAUSE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THIS IS A PRIMARY OR SECONDARY SOURCE. IF THIS INFORMATION IS HARD TO LOCATE, THEN CONSIDER WHO BENEFITS FROM OBSCURING IT.



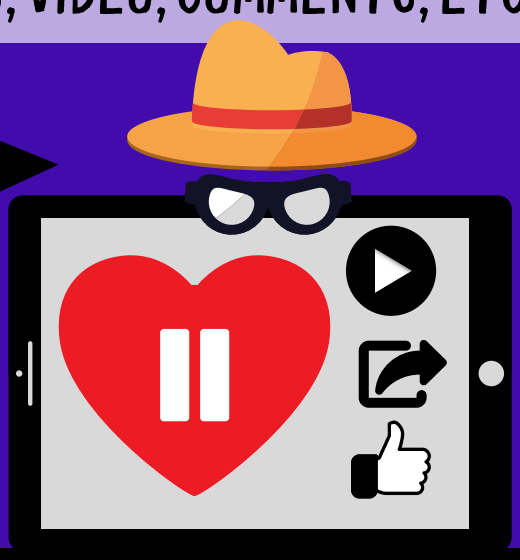
2. WHEN WAS THIS INFORMATION SHARED? IS THIS DATE ALSO THE SAME AS WHEN IT WAS CREATED?



IF THE ANSWER IS: I'M NOT SURE.
THEN: IT'S TIME TO PRESS PAUSE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE INFORMATION IS NEW OR IF IT'S BEEN SHARED IN THE PAST. ARE THERE ANY CLUES TO BE FOUND IN THE DATE IT WAS CREATED/SHARED?

3. HOW MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF INFORMATION ARE CONTAINED IN THIS CONTENT? EXAMPLES INCLUDE: TEXT, PHOTOS, VIDEO, COMMENTS, ETC....

IF THE ANSWER IS: MORE THAN ONE.
THEN: IT'S TIME TO PRESS PAUSE IN ORDER TO CHUNK THE INFORMATION INTO PARTS. FROM THERE, CONSIDER WHICH ELEMENTS CONTAIN CREDIBILITY RED FLAGS THAT SHOULD GUIDE THE NEXT STEPS IN YOUR INVESTIGATION.



THIS LENS IS ALL ABOUT MAKING THE SHIFT FROM SEEKING RIGHT ANSWERS TO ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS.

Ask your teacher for more strategies to help you develop great investigative questions.

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