

Click wisely: recognizing fake news in politics, history and everyday life

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Answers

Exercise 1

Fake stories developed in the 20th century.	F
Sensationalism sells tabloids.	T
Clickbait leads to true stories.	F
'Yellow journalism' reported rumours as though they were facts.	T
Many news stories are not disseminated on social media by friends' shares.	F

Exercise 2

Possible answer:

Clickbait: You will never believe it! The bear who fought in World War II

Clickbait – fake news: You will never believe it! The bear who fought in World War II.
Wojtek the bear who fought for the Nazis

Exercise 3

Possible answer:

How is it done? – They are removed from public office, forced into exile and when they die, they are not buried in the graveyards reserved for political leaders.

How should it be? – Every political man should be remembered by history regardless of his actions.

Why is it the way it is? – By acting in this way, the authoritarian leadership tries to obliterate the memory of actions opposed to its official politics.

What is to be done? – Historians, the press and the public should keep documents, information in any format (written, audio and visual) to preserve the historical truth regardless of the political will.

Exercise 4

Possible answer:

In the case of Estonia in 2007, the moving of the Bronze Soldier monument erected during the Soviet period led to serious public unrest within the Russian population. Almost immediately, this combined with cyber attacks that affected the banks, press and public institutions.