



Evaluating Online Sources



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Opening Question

Think about a movie you recently watched in theaters or are planning to watch.

What factors play into your decision to watch a new movie?

Some things to consider:

- Do you trust certain critics? Websites? Listen to a podcast that recommends movies? Trust particular friends' opinions?

www.minimumwage.com

1. Is this website a credible source? How do you know?
2. Who is the organization or author behind this website? Are they credible?

Vertical Reading

- staying within a website to evaluate its reliability
- Looking for credibility clues
 - Reference list
 - About us
 - Links to outside sources



Lateral Reading

- before diving too deeply into unfamiliar digital content, make a plan for moving forward
- see web as a maze filled with trap doors and blind alleys, where things are not always what they seem



Lateral Reading

- investigate a site by leaving it
- leaving a site after a quick scan and opening up new browser tabs in order to judge the credibility of the original site



the College v the Academy

- [The American College of Pediatricians](#)
- [The American Academy of Pediatrics](#)



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Figure 1. Percentage of participants in each group selecting the College or the Academy as more reliable.



Figure 4. Average time for participants to determine Employment Policies Institute's sponsorship of minimuwage.com; average time and percentage of each participant group to determine Richard Berman or Berman and Company's sponsorship of both websites.

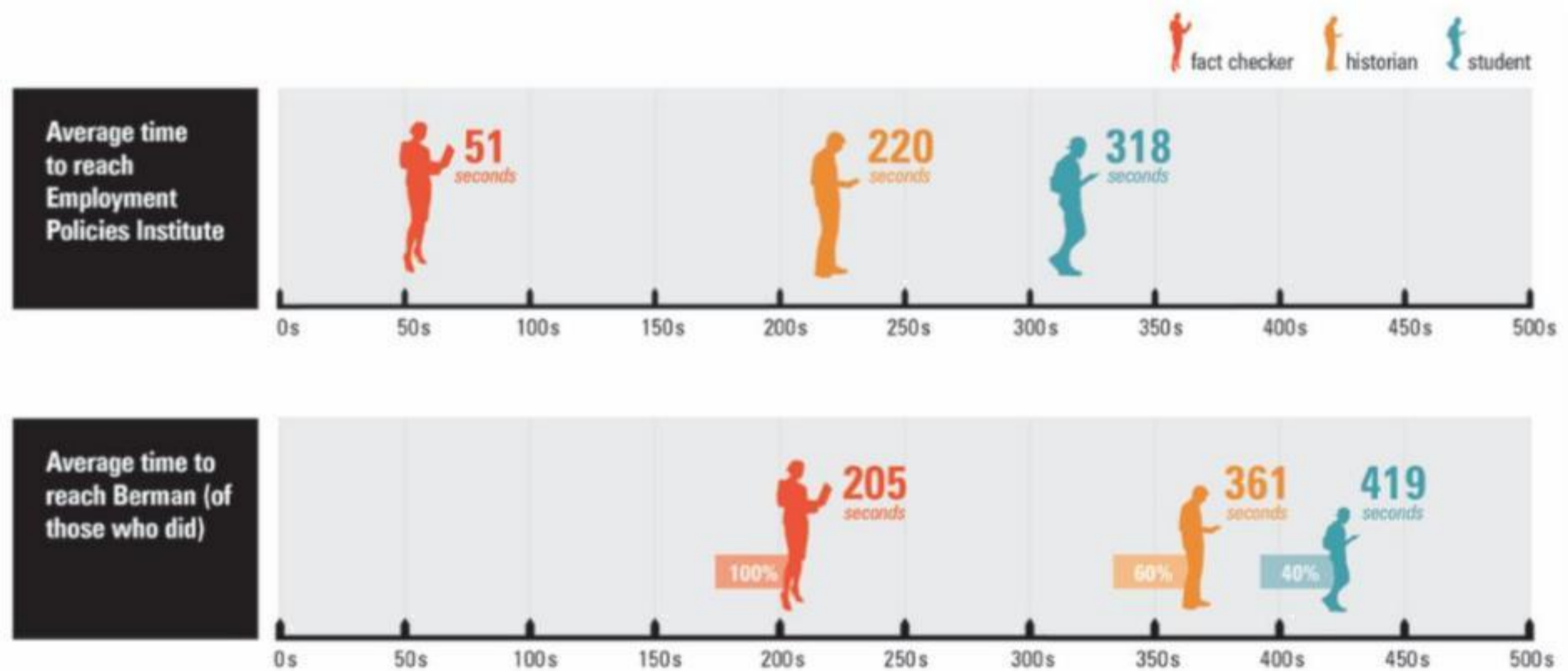


Figure 5. Checker A's lateral reading.



Exit Slip

1. What is at least one thing you learned in this session today?
2. How do you think you will use this new knowledge or skill in the future?