



RumorGuard Guide: 2024-25 school year

Overview

RumorGuard example slides are a classroom-ready resource that supplements The Sift, the News Literacy Project's weekly newsletter for educators. These slides use real trending examples of misinformation to guide students through the fact-checking process. Students get to see how reporters fact-check claims, learn news literacy skills and become encouraged to put those skills into practice.

RumorGuard example slides: List of resources

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1. Sept. 9, 2024:

Example 1: *Partisan accounts spread fabricated claims portraying Harris as a communist*

Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)

Topics: Manipulated Content, Reverse Image Search, Confirmation Bias

Example 2: *Viral falsehoods depict fake Venezuelan gang invasions in U.S. cities*

Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)

Topics: False Context, Reverse Image Search

2. Sept. 16, 2024:

Example 1: *False claim that immigrants are stealing and eating pets continues to spread*

Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)

Topics: False Context, Evidence, Credible Sources

3. Sept. 23, 2024:

Example 1: *Impostor post falsely claims Melania Trump filed for divorce*

Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)

Topics: Impostor Content, Credible Sources

Example 2: *Political ruse at Trump rally falsely shows KKK member in attendance*

Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)

Topics: False Context, Confirmation Bias, Evidence

4. Sept. 30, 2024:

Example 1: *Video altered to falsely show Harris slurring her speech*

Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)

Topics: Evidence, Reverse Image Search, Credible Sources, Confirmation Bias

Example 2: *JD Vance dogged by false rumors he rented pet to enhance image*

Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)

Topics: Evidence, Reverse Image Search, Credible Sources, Confirmation Bias

5. Oct. 7, 2024:

Example 1: *Old storm footage falsely labeled as Hurricane Helene*

Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)

Topics: False Context, Breaking News, Reverse Image Search

6. Oct. 21, 2024:

Example 1: *Trump's omission from Oregon voter pamphlet misconstrued online*

Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)

Topics: False Context, Credible Sources, Evidence

7. Oct. 28, 2024:

Example 1: *Dominion Voting's logo altered to spread election fraud claims*

Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)

Topics: Impostor Content, Conspiratorial Thinking, Credible Sources

Example 2: *Video of Jimmy Carter 'voting' shared out of context with false fraud claims*

Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)

Topics: False Context, Critical Thinking, Evidence, Reverse Image Search

8. Nov. 4, 2024:

Example 1: *Viral video falsely claims to show Trump votes being destroyed*

Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)

Topics: Conspiratorial Thinking, Evidence, Credible Sources

Example 2: *No, states aren't cheating if they don't have results on election night*

Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)

Topics: Conspiratorial Thinking, Evidence, Sheer Assertion, Breaking News

9. Nov. 18, 2024:

Example 1: *No, Musk's Starlink wasn't used to alter vote tallies*

Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)

Topics: Conspiratorial Thinking, Confirmation Bias, Credible Sources

10. Dec. 9, 2024:

Example 1: *No, Pete Buttigieg didn't spend billions for just a few electric vehicle charging stations*

Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)

Topics: Credible Sources, Confirmation Bias, Critical Thinking

11. Dec. 16, 2024:

Example 1: *False conspiracy links health care CEO death and Pelosi*

Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)

Topics: Breaking News, Conspiratorial Thinking, Evidence

12. Jan. 13, 2025:

Example 1: *Image of Temu warehouse fire is AI-generated*

Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)

Topics: AI Image, Breaking News, Satire

Example 2: *California fires spark falsehoods about water shortages*

Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)

Topics: Evidence, Sheer Assertion, Credible Sources

13. Jan. 27, 2025:

Example 1: *No, California isn't using fleet of electric fire trucks to fight fires*

Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)

Topics: Sheer Assertion, Credible Sources, Keyword Search

Example 2: *No, Meta isn't making users follow Trump and Vance*

Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)

Topics: Conspiratorial Thinking, Confirmation Bias, False Context, Evidence

14. Feb. 3, 2025:

Example 1: *No, ICE is not offering \$750 to report undocumented immigrants*

Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)

Topics: False Context, Keyword Search, Credible Sources

Example 2: Photo altered to falsely show Trump supporter being detained by ICE
Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)
Topics: Manipulated Content, Reverse Image Search, Critical Observation

15. Feb. 10, 2025:

Example 1: No, Trump administration didn't alter U.S. flag on government websites
Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)
Topics: False Context, Confirmation Bias, Credible Sources

Example 2: No, USAID doesn't provide \$8 million annually to fund Politico
Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)
Topics: False Context, Credible Sources, Confirmation Bias

16. Feb. 24, 2025:

Example 1: No, Elizabeth Warren didn't say government spending should be secret
Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)
Topics: False Context, Inquiry Development, Credible Sources

Example 2: No, 20 million dead people are not receiving Social Security checks
Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)
Topics: Impostor Content, False Context

17. March 17, 2025:

Example 1: No, it's not true that only 6% of federal employees work in an office
Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)
Topics: False Context, Inquiry Development, Credible Sources

Example 2: No, Trump never said a president should be impeached if stocks fall
Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)
Topics: Impostor Content, False Context

18. March 31, 2025:

Example 1: No, NCAA coach Dawn Staley didn't reject fictional \$10 million offer from Musk
Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)
Topics: Satire, AI-Generated Text, Sports

Example 2: Image showing hundreds of bears blocking entrance to Yellowstone is fake
Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)
Topics: Artificial Intelligence, Satire, Animals

19. April 7, 2025:

Example 1: Viral image of Pikachu at protest is AI-generated
Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)
Topics: Artificial Intelligence, Breaking News, Credible Sources

Example 2: No, Trump didn't make a social media announcement ending dual citizenship
Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)
Topics: Impostor Content, Credible Sources, Breaking News

20. April 14, 2025:

Example 1: No, Warren Buffett didn't praise Trump for tariffs decision
Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)
Topics: Fake Quotes, Critical Thinking, Credible Sources

Example 2: Viral 'Trump protest' video actually shows 2021 NBA Finals watch party
Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)
Topics: False Context, Bandwagon Effect, Reverse Image Search

21. April 21, 2025:

Example 1: No, Cadbury didn't stop using 'Easter' on its chocolate eggs
Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)
Topics: Critical Observation, Engagement Bait

Example 2: *False posts about a missing child spread common online scam*

Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)

Topics: Artificial Intelligence, Conspiratorial Thinking

22. April 28, 2025:

Example 1: *No, Rep. Ocasio-Cortez's nonexistent sister didn't vandalize Tesla dealership*

Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)

Topics: Satire, Confirmation Bias, Credible Sources

Example 2: *D'Oh! 'The Simpsons' didn't predict pope's death*

Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)

Topics: Artificial Intelligence, Conspiratorial Thinking

23. May 12, 2025:

Example 1: *No, Peyton Manning didn't leave gala to console crying child*

Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)

Topics: AI, Credible Sources, Evidence

Example 2: *No, a creature called 'Sleeping Rose Mantis' isn't real"*

Links: [RumorGuard article](#) / [RumorGuard slides](#)

Topics: AI, Credible Sources, Evidence