#EducatorVoices: AI and News Literacy – Brittney Smith

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I think one thing that AI has done is made reputable sources matter more than they ever have. Because we really want to lean in to those credible sources that follow the standards-based journalism practices that we teach but also have processes that verify information before sharing it and share when they need to retract something. AI has also made it easier than ever to create and fake content, and it's getting better every day. And so you really have to rely on your news literacy training. You have to be a healthy skeptic. Any image that you can't verify is grounds for you to be skeptical about that image. So tools like reverse image searching are very powerful right now. I really like TinEye, which allows you to kind of trace the history of an image chronologically, which is really cool to see. And I think that understanding that AI is not perfect is another key to really navigating our growing information landscape. One thing that teachers can do to ensure that their students learn about AI is use it in their classroom. Have kids use AI to tell you about something that you know really well or that they know really well, and then kind of evaluate that information. It can really help underscore that AI sometimes presents false information with great credibility.

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