

Building Blocks of 8th Grade Reading & Writing

Week 3 Homework: Logical Fallacies

Name: _____

Date: _____

Directions

Read each statement carefully. Identify the logical fallacy being used.

Choices:

- Bandwagon
 - Either/Or (False Dilemma)
 - Ad Hominem
 - Strawman
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Part 1: Identify the Fallacy

1.

"Everyone at school has this gaming system, so it must be the best one."

Answer: _____

2.

"If you don't support this new school rule, then you obviously don't care about students."

Answer: _____

3.

"Your opinion about the dress code doesn't matter because you got detention last week."

Answer: _____

4.

Student A: "I think students should have less homework."

Student B: "So you think students should never learn anything?"

Answer: _____

5.

"Millions of people follow this influencer, so everything they say must be true."

Answer: _____

6.

"You either agree with this policy or you want the school to fail."

Answer: _____

7.

"We shouldn't listen to her argument about lunch prices because she doesn't even like school food."

Answer: _____

8.

Student A: "I think schools should start a little later."

Student B: "So you want students sleeping all day instead of learning?"

Answer: _____

Part 2: Explain Your Thinking

Choose TWO questions from Part 1.

For each one:

1. Identify the fallacy.
2. Explain WHY it is a fallacy.

Question Number: _____

Fallacy: _____

Explanation:

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Explanation:

Part 3: Create Your Own

Write your own example of EACH fallacy.

Bandwagon

Either/Or (False Dilemma)

Ad Hominem

Strawman

Challenge Question

Why is it important to recognize logical fallacies when reading social media posts, advertisements, or online articles?

Bonus Reflection

What logical fallacy do you think appears most often online? Why?
