



(26) CONSPIRACY THEORIES

ACTIVITY 1: What is a conspiracy theory?

- a) A widely accepted explanation of an event or phenomenon.
- b) A belief that a group of individuals or organizations are secretly working together to achieve a harmful or hidden agenda.

ACTIVITY 2: Match the names of the conspiracy with the sentence that explains it.

MOON LANDING HOAX	The Earth could be flat and not spherical.
FLAT EARTH THEORY	A secret society might control world events.
JFK ASSASSINATION	The moon landing in 1969 must have been faked by NASA.
ILLUMINATI CONTROL	The President of the United States might have been killed by the US government.
COVID-19 BIOWEAPON	The coronavirus could have been intentionally created as a bioweapon.

ACTIVITY 3: Investigate about the following Conspiracy Theories and write a sentence about it using **modals of deduction** in the **present** or in the **past**.

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ACTIVITY 4: Search for a *Conspiracy Theory* from Argentina. Explain it using modals of deduction in the present or in the past. Write 3 (three) sentences.