CONSPIRACY THEORIES

a. ***What is a conspiracy theory? Read and find out.***

Conspiracy theory, an attempt to explain harmful or tragic events as the result of the actions of a small, powerful group. Such explanations reject the accepted narrative surrounding those events; indeed, the official version may be seen as further proof of the conspiracy.

Conspiracy theories increase in periods of widespread anxiety, uncertainty, or hardship, as during wars and economic depressions and in the aftermath of natural disasters like tsunamis, earthquakes, and pandemics. This fact is evidenced by the profusion of conspiracy theories that emerged in the wake of the September 11 attacks in 2001 and by the more than 2,000 volumes on U.S. Pres. John F. Kennedy's assassination. This suggests that conspiratorial thinking is driven by a strong human desire to make sense of social forces that are self-relevant, important, and threatening.

https://www.britannica.com/topic/conspiracy-theory

b. ***Match the words in the text to the definitions***

Tending or intended to menace (adj): ……..

To become greater(verb) ……

Evidence (noun) : ……..

To come into existence, notice (v): ……..

Strong (adj): ……

Causing harm, dangerous, damaging (adj): ……..

Difficulty, adversity (n): ……

c. Watch this video about one of the most well known conspiracy theories.

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d.Are these statements TRUE or FALSE?

The race to the Moon was very important in the 1960's.

TRUE FALSE

The Americans were desperate to beat the Soviets and get to the Moon first.

TRUE FALSE

The Conspiracy theory says that the Soviets got to the Moon first.

TRUE FALSE

Conspiracy theories appeared seven years later Moon landing.

TRUE FALSE

Non believers say that Apollo 11 never got to the Moon.

TRUE FALSE

The stars can clearly be seen in the photos taken on the Moon.

TRUE FALSE

The American flag waving on the Moon is another thing questioned by conspiracy theorists.

TRUE FALSE