



Activity 1: Issue Investigation

Objective: Use principles of investigative journalism to learn more about an identified issue of interest.

Leader Prep: These activities may be easier to complete on a girl's own time or in a library with access to the internet, newspapers, books, and magazines. In the back of the Advocacy Guide, locate and make copies of the Issue Investigation worksheet for each girl.

Supplies:

- Research materials (internet, newspapers, books, magazines, videos, etc)
 - Notepads or scratch paper and pencils for each girl
 - Issue Investigation worksheets for each girl
1. Begin this activity by meeting with your troop at a space that will allow for research to be completed. This could be in a library, community building, or computer lab. Or, girls may be doing this activity individually at home or in a community space on their own.
 2. Review the Issue Investigation worksheet. This worksheet can be used as a guide by older girls to help inform their research or as a fill-in-the-blank activity for younger girls.
 3. Next, review the concept of “fake news” with your Girl Scouts, before they start researching. Use the four steps to identify a reliable news source, found in Girl Scouts’ Raising Awesome Girls: <https://www.girlscouts.org/en/raising-girls/leadership/life-skills/kids-and-fake-news-critical-thinking-skills.html#parenting>
 4. *Optionally, if you have not already done so, incorporate the new Cybersecurity badges for Daisy, Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts into your Issue Investigation activity by reviewing Cybersecurity 1: Basics and Cybersecurity 2: Safeguards with your Girl Scouts.*
 5. Give Girl Scouts as much time as you’re able to make sure they can gain a thorough understanding of their issue for the next activity. Assign volunteers or older girls to help guide research. If working in a library, chat with the librarian to get extra help or a lesson about researching. They’re there to help!



Daisy Cybersecurity Basics
Brownie Cybersecurity Safeguards
Junior Cybersecurity Safeguards
Junior Cybersecurity Investigator
Senior Truth Seeker Badge