

Fact or Opinion - Cryptocurrency

The word cryptocurrency refers to 'digital cash'. There are numerous conversations about the pros and cons of cryptocurrency. Sometimes it is difficult to determine whether the information is truthful and factual or whether it is someone's opinion.



For this investigation, you will be exploring cryptocurrency. Remember to look for multiple viewpoints on the topic and determine if the information is based on fact or opinion. You will need to identify a minimum of 5 sources.

Step 1: Think of an essential question to guide your investigation. What would you like to know about cryptocurrency? Here are some thoughts:

- ✓ Security threats. Is it safe?
- ✓ Protection. It is not backed by any authority.
- ✓ Person to person transactions.
- ✓ It's a trend or fad and won't be around for long.

Step 2: After developing your essential question, think of three supporting questions:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Be sure to keep track of your references so you can cite them in your work.

Step 3: Research. Investigate your questions and search for answers. Since this is still a newer technology, use a variety of sources such as newspapers, magazines, industry information, blog posts, etc. Keep track of whether you think these findings are facts or opinions. This will help you clarify your thoughts on cryptocurrency.

Use the chart on the next page to keep track of your findings.

Essential question: _____

Supporting Question #1:		
Source	Finding	Fact or Opinion

Supporting Question #2:		
Source	Finding	Fact or Opinion

Supporting Question #3:		
Source	Finding	Fact or Opinion

Step 4: Analyze and reflect. Look over your research and answer your essential question. What are your thoughts about cryptocurrency?

Did most of the sources offer facts or opinions? Why do you think that is?

What do you think the overall credibility was of the sources you found?