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## Checking For Trustworthiness Answer Key

**Passage 1 - Trustworthy.** Written by an expert, peer-reviewed journal, evidence-based with data and references.

**Passage 2 - Not Trustworthy.** Anonymous author, sensational title, no data or credible evidence.

**Passage 3 - Trustworthy.** Government agency report, based on data and long-term research, transparent source.

### Teacher Notes:

- Reinforce that **author expertise** and **evidence** are central to credibility.
- Highlight how **sensational language** ("They Don't Want You to Know") is a red flag for low credibility.
- Discuss the difference between **personal observation** (useful but limited) and **scientific research** (systematic, verified, and more reliable).