

THE LAST BROADCAST

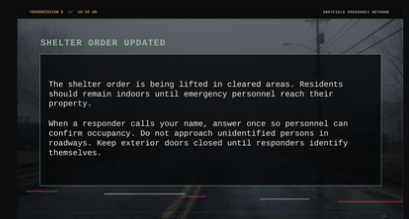
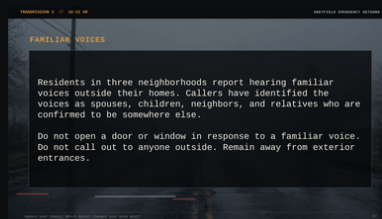
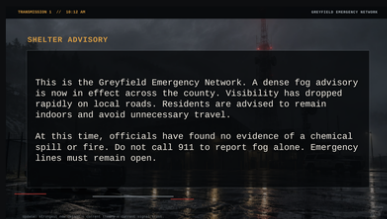
Halloween ELA Mystery Simulation

Students monitor a local emergency feed as an ordinary fog advisory turns into something much harder to explain. Each transmission forces them to revise what they know, question what they trust, and decide what the public needs to hear next.



ONE 40-MINUTE CLASS PERIOD

- No required text or prior reading
- Inference and evidence without worksheet-heavy analysis
- Three staged handouts keep the mystery intact
- Final 45-60 word emergency broadcast



The mystery unfolds through short projected transmissions.

Students are not solving the threat. They are making the best call with the evidence they have.

HOW THE EXPERIENCE UNFOLDS

The routine is simple enough to disappear once the story begins.

1 RECEIVE A TRANSMISSION

Students hear a short emergency update.

2 LOG THE EVIDENCE

They record the strongest new detail and update signal trust.

3 REVISE THE THEORY

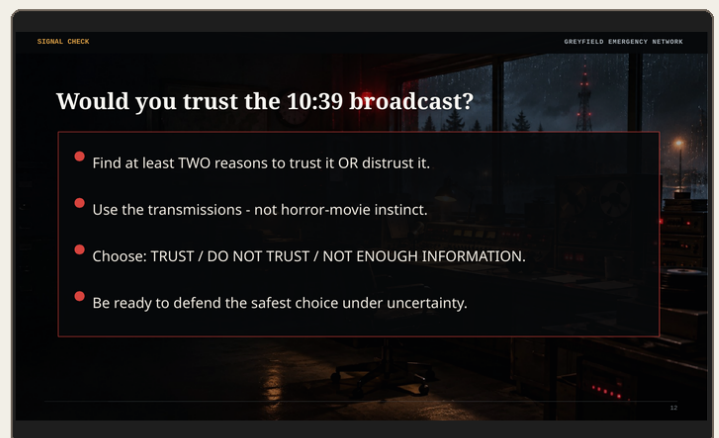
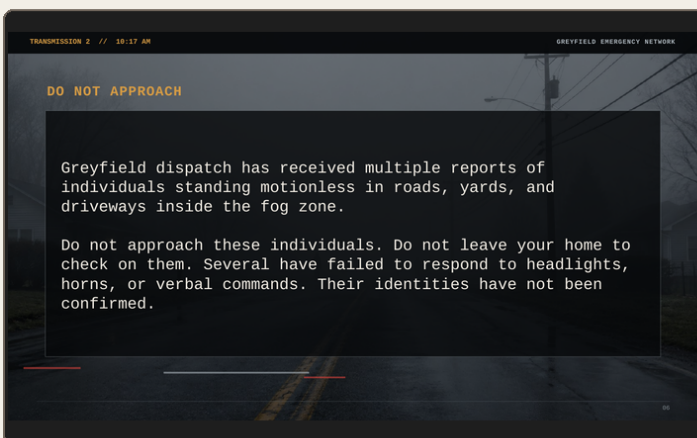
Teams change their explanation as new information arrives.

4 ASSESS THE SOURCE

A later message forces them to decide what is actually trustworthy.

5 WRITE THE LAST BROADCAST

Students use the open channel to send one concise public warning.



The preview intentionally does not reveal the final turn.

The complete teacher deck handles the reveal timing for you.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Everything is ready to project, print, and run in one class period.

TEAM INCIDENT LOG THE LAST BROADCAST

Incident Log

One team, one log. After each transmission, keep your update short enough that the next message can interrupt you.

TEAM NAME: _____ MEMBERS: _____

IN	STRONGEST NEW DETAIL	CURRENT THEORY - 3 WORDS MAX	CURRENT SIGNAL TRUST
1 10:12			____ N
2 10:17			____ N
3 10:22			____ N
4 10:28			____ N
5 10:34			____ N
6 10:39			____ N

Signal trust can rise OR fall. A changing theory is evidence that you are paying attention.



SIGNAL CHECK THE LAST BROADCAST

The 10:39 Broadcast

Decide whether the 10:39 update deserves your trust. Use only the evidence you have heard so far.

SIGNAL CHECK

Our decision: ☐ TRUST ☐ DO NOT TRUST ☐ NOT ENOUGH INFORMATION

REASONS TO TRUST

REASONS NOT TO TRUST



OPEN CHANNEL THE LAST BROADCAST

The Last Broadcast

The county feed is dead. Your station transmitter is still live. Write the message people actually need to hear.

THE LAST BROADCAST

45-60 words. Give one immediate action, two supported facts, and one thing people should NOT do. Do not pretend you know what the threat is.

FINAL CHECK ☐ clear ☐ supported ☐ cautious ☐ useful



- 17-slide atmospheric teacher presentation (PPTX + PDF)
- Incident Log, Signal Check, and Final Broadcast handouts (editable + PDF)
- Optional After-Action Notes for later reflection
- Editable student-printables master
- 3-page teacher guide with exact staging, pacing, evidence notes, and a model broadcast
- No audio setup, outside reading, special props, or extra technology required

BEST FOR: Halloween week • AP Lit enrichment • secondary ELA • sub-friendly fun

TIME: about 35 active minutes / one approximately 40-minute class period