

## UNIT 4 : Somebody told me

Citizenship and virtual world: people rely a lot on medias to learn and get some informations. Yet new medias have brought new beliefs.

UNIT 4	How are conspiracy theories fueled by the medias?
At the end of the Unit, I will	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- know more about the relationship people entertain with medias</li> <li>- understand how fake news are spread</li> <li>- have read about the most famous conspiracy theories</li> </ul>
What vocabulary will I need ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- medias</li> <li>- suspicion / interrogation</li> </ul>
What grammatical structure will I need ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- pluperfect</li> <li>- obligation</li> <li>- probability</li> </ul>
What documents will be used ?	<p><b>1- The Radio Panic Broadcast</b></p> <p>1a- Orson Welles Radio broadcasted play The War of the Worlds, 1938</p> <p>1b- Scripts</p> <p>1d- Front pages Magasins 1938</p> <p>1e- The « War of the Worls » panic , <i>Slate.com</i>, 28 / 10/ 2013 (manuel p 119)</p> <p><b>2- mis and dis-information</b></p> <p>2a- vidéo learning about fake news (manuel p 120)</p> <p>2b - the difference between mis- and disinformation (manuel p120)</p> <p>2c- <a href="https://www.snopes.com/">https://www.snopes.com/</a> (debunking fake news)</p> <p><b>3-The Danger of Conspiracy theories</b></p> <p>3a- Alex Jones and Info wars (4 famous theories)</p> <p>3b- Alexander Zaitchik on Alex Jones, <i>Rollingstone.Com</i>, March 2011 – manuel p 121</p> <p>3c- Chapman University Survey of American Fears 2016</p> <p><b>4- famous Conspiracy theories explained</b></p> <p>4a- Moon Landing Facts (genially)</p> <p>4b1 et 4b2- The Roswell UFO Incident, <i>Mufon.com</i> (manuel p 124)</p> <p>4c- The Philadelphia Experiment, <i>denofgeek.com</i> (manuel p125)</p>
What will I learn about ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- how conspiracy theories have always existed</li> <li>- how to spot fake news</li> <li>- how difficult it is to educate people to medias</li> </ul>
Final Task : EE	Write an article about a fake news. You will need to make it as realistic and catchy as possible !

Instruction for your Final Task

- 1) You will have an hour full to write an article in class,
- 2) Make sure people will want to read it
- 2) Go straight to the point : give a title
- 3) You may illustrate it : prepare beforehand some illustration if you wish to
- 4) write about a story people could believe in
- 5) In the end, give your opinion : are you trying to mislead people or do you actually believe in what you are writing ?