

Essential Questions

Be prepared to discuss the following questions:

1. What are three essential elements for news?
2. Where is news found?
3. How is news gathered?
4. What is a local source?
5. How does time affect news?
6. What is the writing/reporting nexus?

End of Chapter Quiz

1. List five definitions of “news.”
2. List five forms of communication that are not necessarily “news.”
3. As far as student publications are concerned, how does news become “fake news?”
4. Explain the following statement: “A computer is a toaster. It’s not a loaf of bread.”
5. List five moments when emotions will be elevated, thus improving the chances for a more interesting story.
6. Which statement is TRUE?
 - a. The opening sentence should never drop readers right into a story.
 - b. Avoid the use of literary devices in news writing. Keep it simple and bland.
 - c. It’s OK to use long direct quotes and/or long transitions when necessary.
7. Which statement is TRUE?
 - a. Short item news should be third person.
 - b. In a news story, it’s best to open with a question or a summary.
 - c. It’s OK to build stories around “composite” persons — that is, make-believe people who represent a larger reality.
8. If you want to be a better writer, you should do this.
 - a. Read more.
 - b. Use bigger, more complicated words.
 - c. Always adhere to formulas, like the Five Paragraph Essay.
9. What is an anecdote, and how can you use one in your story?