



HOW JOURNALISTS WORK

Say What?

Studying how journalists work can mean learning a lot of new vocabulary. Find five words in this book you've never heard before. Use a dictionary to find out what they mean. Then write the meanings in your own words, and use each word in a new sentence.





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Take a Stand

Chapter One discusses the differences between journalists and citizens acting like journalists. Go back and reread this part of Chapter One. Do you agree with these differences? Do you think citizens can tell stories just as well as journalists do? Why?





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Why Do I Care?

Maybe you do not know a journalist personally. But that doesn't mean you don't hear about what is happening in your community and the world. Do you have family or friends who regularly follow the news? How does the work journalists do affect your life? How would your life be different without the ability to follow news on the Internet?





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Another View

This book discusses the purpose of a journalist's work and says a free society needs a free press. As you know, every source is different. Ask a librarian or another adult to help you find another source about this topic. Write a short essay comparing and contrasting the new source's point of view with that of this book's author. What is the point of view of each author? How are they similar and why? How are they different and why?





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You Are There

Chapter One of this book describes a journalist who goes undercover to write a story. Imagine you are working undercover with her on an assignment. Write a short story about the experience. What information would you include in your story? Who are the people you are observing and writing about? Why are they there?

