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Journalism

Quotations

"Journalism largely consists of saying 'Lord Jones is Dead' to people who never knew that Lord Jones was alive."

- Gilbert K. Chesterton

"Objective journalism and an opinion column are about as similar as the Bible and Playboy magazine."

- Walter Cronkite

Questions

- How often do you read the news? Do you believe what you read?
- Do you feel journalists are respected in their profession?
- Are there any famous journalists from your country? What are they famous for?
- Has the Internet created an army of journalists and reporters?
- Could you ever be a war reporter? What would be the difficulties?
- How does investigative journalism differ from tabloid journalism?
- What do you think of paparazzis?
- Would you like to start your own newspaper? What would you like to focus on?
- Does the government try to shape the news in your country?
- How has News changed in the last 75 years?
- Would you like to be a journalist?
- They say traditional media is in decline, why could this be?
- Do you feel news should be censored?
- Is news a universal human right?

Presentation

You work for a large news company and are hoping to launch a new magazine. Give details of the magazine and "pitch" your idea to the class.