

## ACTIVITY: Journalistic Standards

STANDARD:	NOTES:
<p><b>SOURCES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Write down all the people who are quoted or referenced in the story.</li><li>• What is the relationship of each person to the central story?</li><li>• Are these sources qualified to comment? (Research them if you are uncertain)</li></ul>	
<p><b>FAIRNESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Is there more than one side to this story? If so, are different perspectives represented?</li><li>• Highlight any adjectives or phrases used to describe people or issues. Are the descriptions neutral? Is any judgement implied?</li></ul>	
<p><b>RESEARCH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Are any reports quoted or referenced, and/or any statistics included?</li><li>• Where did the report or statistics come from? Are they appropriate and reliable? Do they help make sense of the story?</li></ul>	
<p><b>CONTEXT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What background information is included in the article to help explain the significance of the news event?</li><li>• Does the added information help you better understand the news event/issue?</li></ul>	
<p><b>ACCURACY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Underline any facts related to the central story.</li><li>• What evidence is used to support those facts?</li><li>• Are quotes attributed to reputable sources?</li></ul>	