

Media and Social Responsibility

Teacher's Reference Material

Terms to Define

- Media
- Responsibility
- Society
- Emotion
- Violence
- Public Opinion
- Fantasy
- Reality

Topics to Research

- What are the different forms of media available in society today?
- How has the Information/Media Age changed access to the media and the scope of the media's coverage of society?
- How do young children determine the difference between fantasy and reality?
- Is there a proven link between violence and the media?
- Has the media's coverage of violence increased criticism of violence in the media?

Issues to Consider

- What is the role of the media, families, and schools, in raising and educating society?
- How does the entertainment media portray violence differently than the news media?
- What is the role of the news media in modern society?
- Is there a difference between traditional print and television journalism such as *The Washington Post* or *ABC News* and so-called "tabloid" journalism such as *The National Enquirer* or *Hard Copy*?
- Is violence an inevitable part of modern society?
- What is the responsibility of the media to society?
- Has the concept of personal responsibility changed in the Information/Media Age?

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