



# News Diary



**Overview:** In this activity, you will commit to following daily news coverage from a credible, standards-based news organization for a week and to keeping a log of what you read/view/listen to. In Part 1, you will document this data. In Part 2, you will evaluate your news source, identify which stories you found most interesting and helpful, and describe how this experience with a standards-based news source has or hasn't changed your thinking.

## Part 1

### Follow a Credible News Outlet:

Follow the coverage of one standards-based news organization for a week and note specific stories that interested you, what you learned and what questions you have.

Name of News Source:

Date	Story or stories I chose	What I learned	Questions I have


## Part 2 Evaluate Your Source

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1. Do you feel that the issues were covered accurately, fairly and fully by the reporting you listed? Why or why not?
2. Use the News Literacy Project’s [“Seven Standards of Quality Journalism”](#) poster to rate your source. Did it live up to these standards, or did it fall short of them? Explain.
3. What stories do you think deserved more coverage?
4. Were any stories misleading in your opinion? Why do you think this?
5. What stories did you particularly connect with? Why?
6. How has your experience with this news source impacted your thinking about the world?

Now that you’ve completed this news diary, talk with a friend about their own news habits and share with them what you learned through this experience.