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ACT ON IT ACTIVITY SHEET - WHERE DO YOU LEARN THE NEWS?

My Favorite Medium

Skill Evaluate News Sources

What to Do: Where do you get your news? Your teacher will first instruct you to identify which source, or *medium*, is your main way of hearing what's happening in the world. Then you will review an evaluation guide and reflect on your choice.

Which did you name as your favorite medium? Why?

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Evaluation Guide

Think back to the last news story you read or heard. Use this chart to evaluate the story.

Evaluating Media		
Criteria	Meaning	Evaluation of My Chosen Medium
Accuracy	Who is providing this information and are they qualified to provide it? How does this source impact the message?	
Authority	What is the original source of the message? Was that source qualified?	
Objectivity	Is this information factual or is there a slant or bias? If I look to other sources how will this one compare? Am I being sold something?	
Timeliness	How long ago did this story happen? How long ago did my source find out this information?	
Coverage	Is this story still developing? Have all sides been included?	

Reflect

What are the pros and cons of your preferred news source? Should you expand your news sources? Why or why not?