

Social Studies, Grade 8  
Unit VIII: Lesson B11

Report: **Influence of the News**



Watch the evening television news **and** read a newspaper—a hard copy or online—for several days and take notes on the following questions:

- What kinds of stories are reported first?
- How much evening broadcast time is given to national, international, and local news?
- How much newspaper space?
- Do reporters state their personal opinions?

Can you find evidence that television chooses news coverage to influence public opinion? Appraise how television news and newspapers influence American viewpoints today.

Report your conclusions to the class in an oral report.