

Introduction to Publications: Mr. Tracy
Chapter 22 Ethics for Student Journalists

1. What are ethics?
2. What are personal ethics derived from?
3. How do ethics apply to American journalists?
4. How are the First Amendment and media law related to ethics?
5. What kind of information is not legally publishable?
6. Identify the vital functions of journalists in a democratic society.
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7. Explain why journalists need ethics.
8. How is reporter credibility related to ethics?
9. During the fact-finding mission of a news story, how do ethics apply?

10. How does the internet raise credibility issues for a reporter?
11. How do ethics play a role in the writing stage of a story?
12. What is a reader advocate? Explain what they do.
13. What happens when errors are found in stories?
14. Define plagiarism.
15. Explain fabrication.
16. Are photo alterations allowable? Explain why or why not?
17. What are anonymous sources? When should they be used? How/why do they sometimes weaken the credibility of a story?
18. What is confidentiality? When should it be promised?
19. What are shield laws?
20. Who has ownership of your work when it is published?
21. Explain conflict of interest.
22. Should journalists help or hinder law enforcement. Explain.

23. What types of words should be used rarely? Why?

24. Why are generalizations dangerous for journalists?

25. Provide at least two examples of possible conflicts of interest in the school press.