



How do you get your news?



What is the biggest news story this week?



What is "fake news"? Give an example.



Can you name 3 news channels? Which is the best? Why?



Do you have a favorite newscaster or anchorman?



Do you read the newspaper? Why? Why not?



What was the top news story of this past year?



Why is it important to follow the news?



What is the role of the news media?



What is the top local news story this week?



What is the biggest sports news this month?



Who should be Time's "Man of the Year"?



Would you like to be a journalist? Why? Why not?



In your opinion, is the news too negative?



What story or stories aren't covered enough in the news?



How will people get the news in the future?



Are celebrity stories really news?



Can you share a recent "feel good" news story?



Is the news too negative, in your opinion?



Do you think the public knows a lot about current events?



Can you name a news story from history that happened this month?



Which celebrities died and were in the news this year?



What news story have you been following the most?



Should media outlets be punished if they publish false stories?



What has been the biggest news story this decade?



What category or type of news most interests you?



Does the news focus too much on violence?



Who that you know would make a good journalist?



Do you have a news app on your phone? Why? Why not?



Have you ever been in the news or on TV?



Do you believe "no news is good news"?

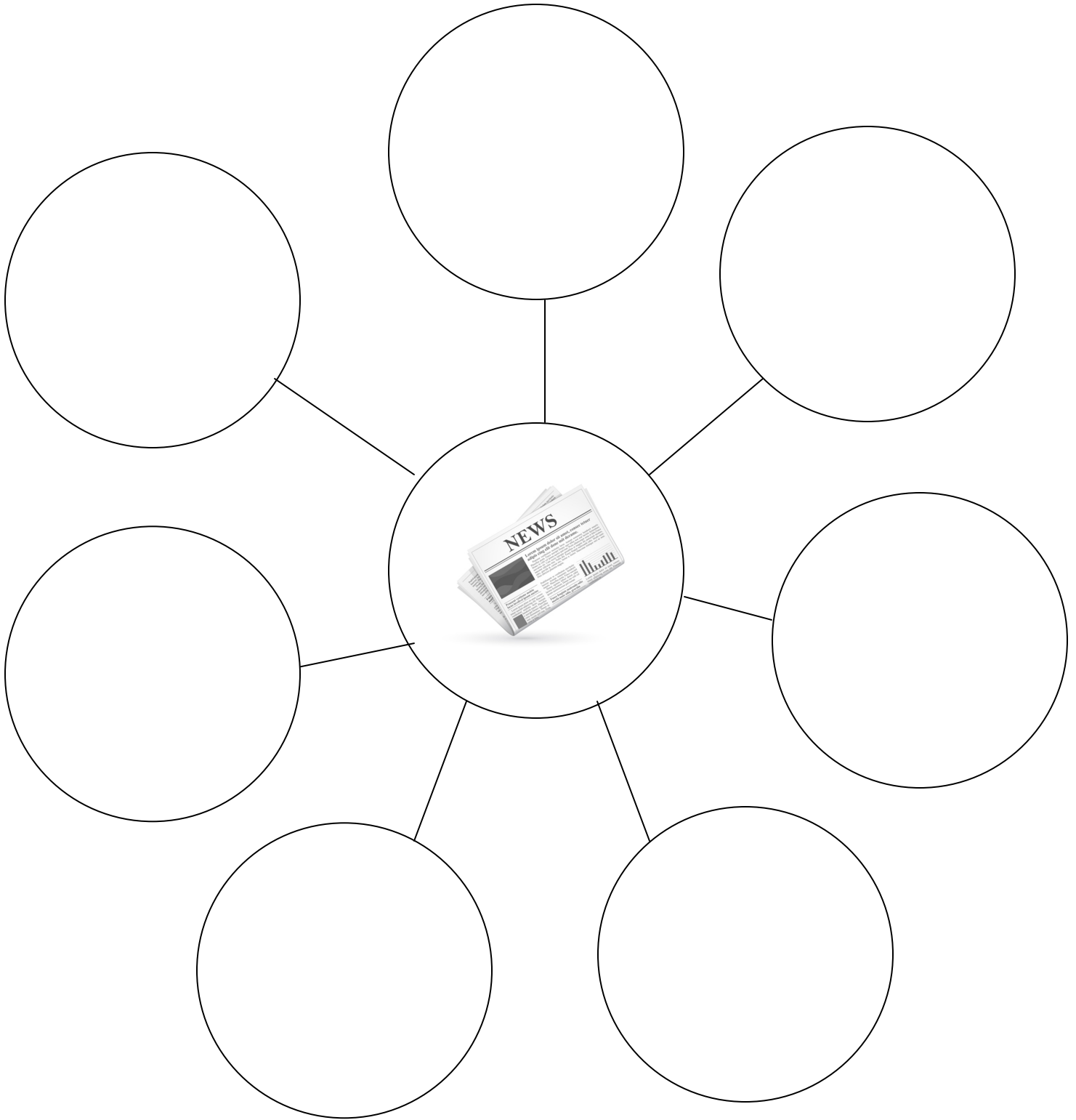


How can journalism be improved?

What's "new" in the world?

List the major stories in the news this week.

Then discuss answering; WHO | WHAT | WHERE | WHY | HOW



Discuss with a partner or in your group.

- 1) What news stories are breaking this week?
- 2) Do you think the news is too negative?
- 3) Do you keep up with the news? If so, how?
- 4) What kinds of news are most interesting to you?
- 5) What areas of the world are you most interested in?
- 6) Do you read and follow the news online?
- 7) What are your favorite sections of the newspaper?
- 8) What was the last piece of good news you heard?
- 9) Do you trust everything you read, see or hear on the news?
- 10) What is "fake news"? What should we do about it?



Discuss with a partner or in your group.

- 1) What's your favorite news program?
- 2) Why is it important to follow the news?
- 3) Do you have a news app on your phone?
- 4) What was the biggest news story this year?
- 5) Would you like to be a reporter? Why or why not?
- 6) Do you still buy or read the newspaper?
- 7) What do you think is wrong with "the news" today?
- 8) Do you believe all the news stories you read and see on Facebook?
- 9) What are some important news stories of all time?
- 10) What is the difference between news and propaganda?



THE NEWS & THE MEDIA

1. Do you think that keeping up to date with current events is important? Why?
2. What was a big news event this week? Who? Where? When? What happened? Why?
3. What was the biggest news story for you this year? Why?
4. Where do you get your news from? TV? Newspapers?
5. Is there too much focus on bad news in the media? Why or why not?
6. Name one thing that you saw on the news that made you think, "This is NOT news!".
7. How much do newspapers focus on selling papers versus writing quality content?
8. How has social media affected the way that we get our news?
9. Does the media have the right to get into people's personal lives?
10. How, where, and when do you get your source of news?
11. How would you define the role of the media?
12. Are celebrity stories really news? If not, why? If so, please give an example.
13. How can the media be helpful to people?
14. How can the media harm people?
15. Do you think that the majority of the public knows a lot about global current events?
16. Should media outlets be punished for false information? If so, how? If not, why not?
17. Would you like to be a TV reporter or a journalist for a newspaper?
18. What is the best thing that the media has done for society?
19. How will people get their news in the future?
20. Which current event is most important to you now?
21. What is the media's biggest mistake? Why and how could they fix it?
22. Has there ever been a story that was not covered, or was not covered enough in the media?