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**Subjective vs Objective in the News**

Remember:

**Objective** is a statement that is completely unbiased. It is not touched by the writer’s previous experiences or tastes. It is verifiable by looking up facts (things that can be proven).

**Subjective** is a statement that has been coloured by the viewpoint of the writer. It often has a basis in reality, but reflects the perspective through which the writer views an issue or topic. It cannot be verified using concrete facts and figures.

It is okay to have an opinion. In newspapers, writer’s views and perspectives are typically found in the editorial or opinion section. As readers we should be able to tell if a news article is objective or subjective.

Assignment:

1. Find a newspaper article where a World Issue is the central topic.
2. Cut out or print the article. You will need to staple the article to this worksheet.
3. Underline all the facts in the article. (Remember, facts are statements that can be proven.
4. Circle all the opinions. (Remember, opinions are statements that reflect a writer’s view.
5. You may also “Highlight” using different colours for the part 3 and 4 above.
6. In a couple of sentences, summarize the article.
7. In paragraph form tell me if your article is Objective, Subjective or Balanced. **(YOU MUST HAVE THREE SUPPORTING POINTS DIRECTLY FORM THE ARTICLE)**

If the article has more facts than opinions it is objective.

If the article has more opinions than facts it is subjective.

If the article has an equal number of facts and opinions it is balanced.