

How has the economic crisis impacted your perspective on the importance and relevance and becoming an intelligent news consumer? In this essay explain your reaction to the crisis, what you know or do not know about it and how the news has or should be a credible source of information in dealing with the economic downturn. Has the news media done an adequate job of alerting and informing you of the economic problems the country now faces? Be specific, provide examples. What can you do to make yourself a better informed news consumer when it comes to the economy? Be specific. Is that important? Why? Why not?

The four most common media for consuming the news are: Television, radio, Internet and newspaper. Using the experience and knowledge you gained in News Literacy and using specific examples, describe the strengths and weaknesses of each medium. Which is the most effective medium for consuming the news and why? What effect do you believe it will have for society and the news industry?

Write a letter to the Dean of Faber College arguing why News Literacy is an important class to be taught at the college-level. Using the experience and knowledge you have gained in News Literacy this semester, explain and provide examples of the most important lessons students learn. Using concrete examples of current economic and political stories, explain why it is important that students know how to use the lessons and skills of News Literacy to prepare themselves for the challenging times they and this country will face in the next decade.