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teacher's manual

chapter 10
assignment | 1

All politics is local. News should be treated the same way.

Based on information provided in Chapter 10, please answer the following questions.

1. Explain the seven steps you would take to “localize” a story?
2. List five national events or issues you could localize to your school.
3. Take one of the five topics and explain how you would localize it to your school.
4. **HEADLINE:** Joining a national trend among urban school districts, the Los Angeles board of education approved a plan to scale down all the sprawling district’s secondary schools into smaller units of 350 to 500 students each.
How would you localize this story? List at least three persons you would need to interview.
4. **HEADLINE:** According to Education Week, more and more schools are turning down federal Title I money or are finding other ways to avoid having to comply with the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB).
How would you localize this story? List at least two persons you would want to interview.
5. What is “computer-assisted plagiarism?”
6. List five questions you should ask yourself before using information taken from the Internet in any story that will be published in a school publication.
7. **STUDY REPORT:** Although studies show that teenagers are at significant risk for developing depression and other mental-health conditions, few U.S. high schools have clearly defined procedures for identifying students with such problems and referring them for treatment.
List four websites that provide accurate and reliable information that could be used to localize this story. Be prepared to justify your selections.