

Investigate the News

BE the BEST

Look for people in the news whose stories demonstrate that they set high standards for themselves. What do the stories tell you about their accomplishments? What have they done? How did they achieve their goals?

Journalists use different platforms to tell their stories. Answer the following questions about the people who set high standards and achieved their goals:

1. Was the text of the story short or long? Did the text include or refer to photos, video or slideshows?
2. Did you find your news stories about accomplished people in print, in electronic editions or on websites?
3. Did any online story include photos, video, slideshows and/or blogs?

Regardless of the platform, accomplished journalists hold to high standards. They check facts and disclose conflicts of interest, keep notes of interviews and conversations, keep confidential any sources agreed to mutually, use research to create their own product (more than collecting what others have reported) and consider different sides of a question or issue.

SHARE the different ways that young people demonstrate that they set and adhere to high standards.