



**UNDERSTANDING THE NEWS**





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The Washington Post



THE  
HUFFINGTON  
POST



Daily Mail  
AUSTRALIA

AP



theguardian







2 questions



How they check the news.



One example of a big media coverage.

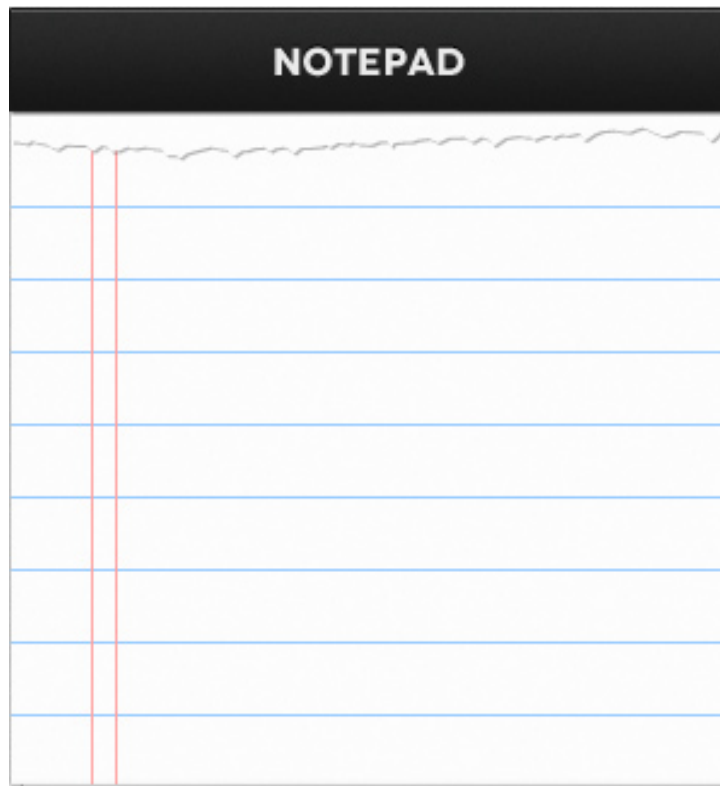
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# FOUR VIEWS OF THE NEWS





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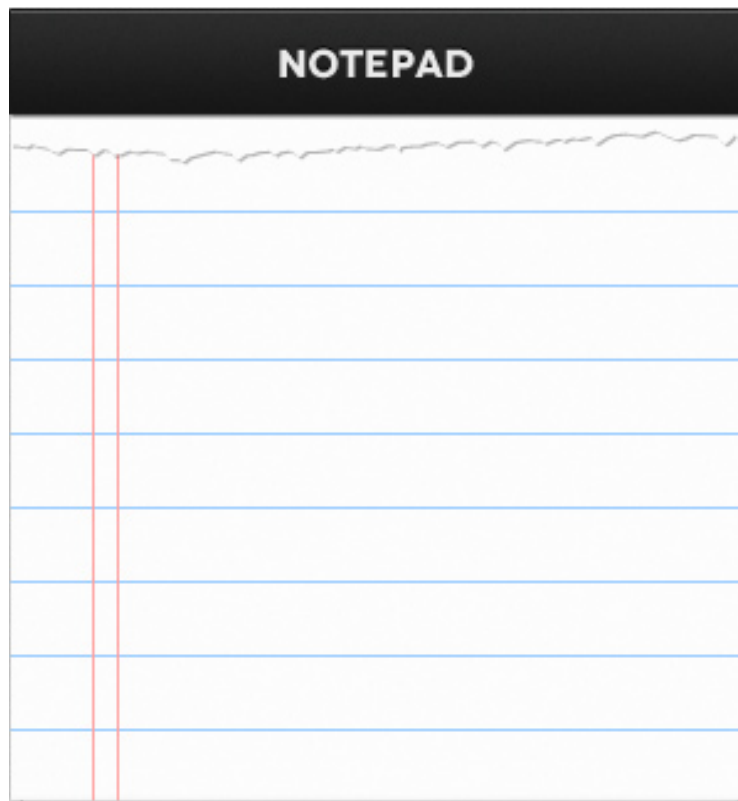


# SANDRA FROM TORONTO, IN CANADA





**DAN, BOSTON, USA**





# FOCUS ON CULTURE: FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

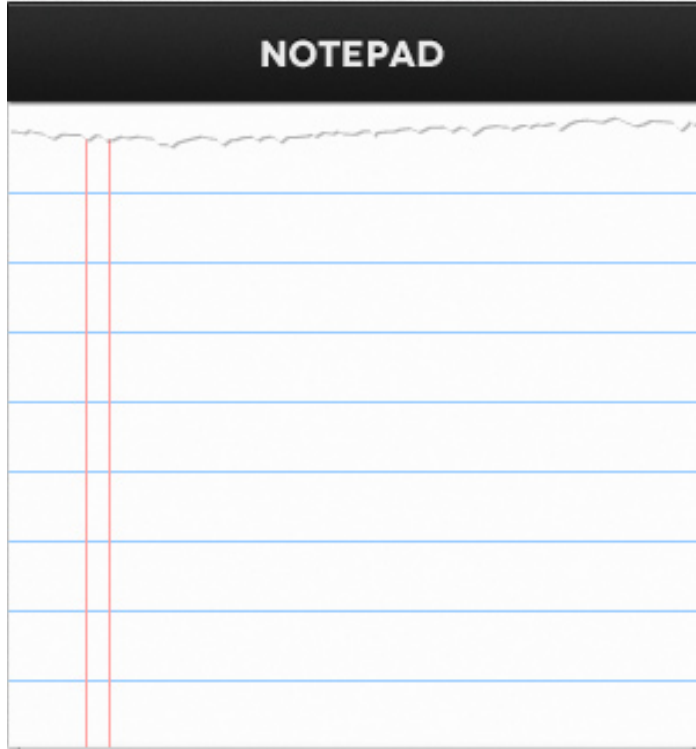
*A free press is fundamental to a democratic society.*

**"Congress shall make no law (...) abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press" US Constitution**

**Censorship: governments prohibits the use of material.**



# SHANNON, FROM CAPE TOWN, IN SOUTH AFRICA





How do you check the news?



One example of a big media coverage



Let's listen to Thaled & Maelle!

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# YOUR TURN TO SPEAK!



# FOCUS ON VOCABULARY AND PRONUNCIATION

- **Vocabulary to talk about the news**
  - reliable = unbiased = reputable = impartial
  - biased = prejudiced

## **Guess!**

- /<sup>l</sup>repjətəbl/
- /rɪ<sup>l</sup>ai.ə.bəl/
- /<sup>ʌ</sup>n<sup>l</sup>baɪəst/





The image shows the exterior of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture. The building features a prominent, textured facade made of bronze-colored, diamond-shaped panels. The architecture is modern and angular, with a large, dark, rectangular opening visible on the right side. The building is surrounded by green trees and a clear blue sky with some light clouds.

# A PEOPLE'S JOURNEY, A NATION'S STORY

Welcome to the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture

## A CASE STUDY: THE AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE MUSEUM



# DEBATED BEFORE IT OPENED

**The Washington Post**

## **BLACK-HISTORY MUSEUM PLAN SPARKS DEBATE**

October 16, 1989

"A recent suggestion by Smithsonian Secretary Robert McC. Adams to limit an African American museum to a wing at the National Museum of American History has sparked lively debate in the African American community and on Capitol Hill."



2013

"Virginia Congressman Jim Moran objected to the museum on those grounds"

"But defenders say the museum fills an important void."



# COVERAGE ON THE OPENING

## PRESS

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THE  
NEW YORKER

AMERICAN CHRONICLES AUGUST 29, 2016 ISSUE

## MAKING A HOME FOR BLACK HISTORY

*The vision and the challenges behind a new museum on the National Mall.*



By Vinson Cunningham  
August 22, 2016

## RADIO



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Grand Opening: The National Museum of African American History and Culture



100 Years In The Making, Black History And Culture Museum Gets Ready For Reveal

September 14, 2016 · 9:15 AM ET



TANYA BALLARD BROWN

## TV and TWITTER



American History TV @cspanhistory · 24 sept. 2016

Our coverage of the @NMAAHC opening ceremony will air again today at 4pm & 8pm ET on C-SPAN3 #CYMI #APeoplesJourney



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# The Washington Post

The African American Museum tells powerful stories — but not as powerfully as it could

OPINIONS: NEUTRAL  
OR NOT?



# Chicago Tribune

Black history finds home on National Mall with new museum: 'It's absolutely breathtaking'

OPINIONS: NEUTRAL  
OR NOT?





CULTURE

# Permanent February

By JAY NORDLINGER | March 1, 2017 5:00 AM



“If you have a separate museum for black Americans, what about other racial or ethnic groups? Or religious groups?”

OPINIONS: NEUTRAL OR  
NOT?





# YOUR CASE STUDY: THE GUGGENHEIM

You are a reporter covering art, share your opinion on Twitter.





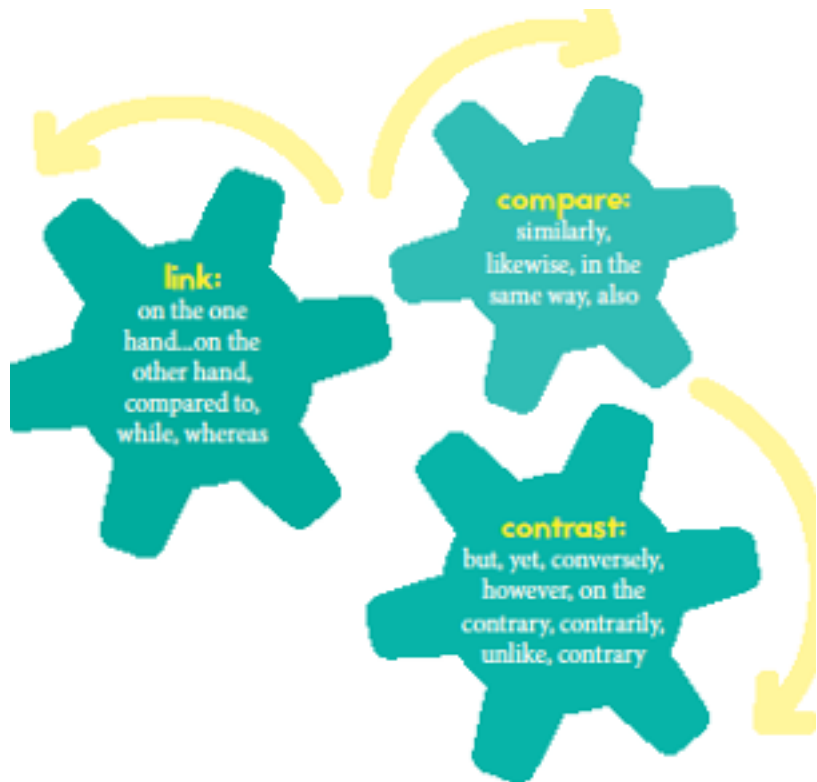
*"The building itself is an attraction for visitors (...)." Time Out, 2019*

*"The most beautiful building in America" Critic Emily Genauer, New York Herald Tribune, 1959*

*"Wright's monumental and ultimately mischievous failure" New Yorker, 1959*

OPINIONS: NEUTRAL OR  
NOT?





## FOCUS ON METHOD: EXPRESSING YOUR POINT OF VIEW

- ✓ **positive view:** amazing, breathtaking, wonderful, exceptional, a success
- ✓ **negative view:** a failure, a disaster, negative, unfair



# REACTIONS ON TWITTER



**JJRstudents**

@Vidjay

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This museum has a very unique and modern look. Museums often look similar but this one looks like a monument, I like the white color because it makes the museum brighter so I definitely want to visit it ! 👉🏻🇧🇪 #guggenheimcasestudy #opinionondesign #EnglishLumni @LumniFR

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@Emelyne

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I think that the architects wanted to be futuristic 🏙️💡 But it is not gracious 🤔  
#guggenheimcasestudy #mypointofview #EnglishLumni @LumniFR

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@Hatun

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I think that the design is weird but also cool, it's different from the other museums we see. It is a really special museum. Personally, I like it because it has its own beauty 🇧🇪🤙 #EnglishLumni @LumniFR  
#guggenheimcasestudy #mypointofview



# YOUR REACTION?

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Post your opinion



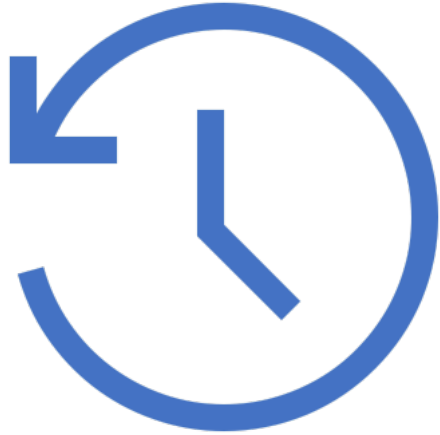
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moderate your comments



# LET'S RECAP



- Different types of media
- Variety of perspectives
- Check facts and use multiple sources to avoid bias
- Objectivity vs subjectivity



# AFTER-CLASS CHALLENGE

- . Watch films/series about the press**
- . Go on a virtual tour of the Guggenheim museum**
- . Send your tweet #Englishlumni @LumniFR**





Keep calm and listen to  
some English ;-)



Don't hesitate to practise  
with your friends.



All resources on [francetv.fr](https://francetv.fr)  
and [lumni.fr](https://lumni.fr)



Stay home and stay safe!

THANKS  
FOR YOUR  
ATTENTION!

