

HOW TO BE A GOOD JOURNALIST?

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An exciting and fast-paced career, journalism is a great fit for recent grads who are interested in current events and are passionate about storytelling. If you're choosing a career as a journalist, then you're probably thinking about how to get started. Usually, a journalist can make good engagement with their readers when they serve their best writing which enhances the reader's skill of thinking. It is well known that the industry is currently not in a good shape. Local journalism is dying. The online media industry is driven by ad sales, which prioritizes website traffic, and in turn means there's constant pressure for quick, identity- and outrage-based content. It's difficult to find support for serious, in-depth journalism and it's difficult to make a living as a real journalist. So, the future of journalism in Malaysia depends on us.

The important thing about journalistic writing is how one (or a person) can come out with new ideas to produce a good story or feature stories. As we know, we must do some preparation in

order to create an article for daily published newspapers. First thing that must be clear for a journalist is making engagement in observation sessions. This part is most important for a reporter to build insightful questions in order to establish good relationship between journalist and the reader. Next, editors also must socialize outside of normal circles in order to collect more information to be used by reporters. This is because a story will be more interesting due to a wider coverage. Usually people will easily get bored of the same news stories that comes out of their surrounding area. So an interesting story is based on a wider coverage that is typically covered by local news publication.

We also can stimulate our mind with ideas, among the ways we can do this is by randomly surfing the web and finding interesting stories that could win a reader's heart. Basically, many websites serve a variety of information and fresh stories due to their quick updates within a few minutes after any case occurring. Besides that, we should also do some meditation in order to make sure every part of the process to create fresh stories can be applied successfully. This is because the process is very meticulous and tight in order to serve readable news story. Next, the owners of newspaper are encouraged to provide good gatekeeping to ensure all of parts and expertise are fully utilized.

In conclusion, we as the people that are involved in the journalism field must understand our task and be ready to change the world and it's perceptions of this field.

“Journalist: a person without any ideas but with an ability to express them; a writer whose skill is improved by a deadline: the more time he has, the worse he writes.”