

## Critical Thinking and the News

Find a news article or watch a news broadcast about a current environmental issue. Write down your initial reaction including your thoughts, feelings and questions.

**Now, look or think again, and answer the following questions:**

1. Did the report present different sides of the issue? *Describe* the sides.
2. Did the report seem to favor one side over the other? How could you tell?
3. Did the report use images, sounds, or words that made you feel a certain way?
4. Did the report provide any facts that helped you form an opinion? Did the sources seem reliable?
5. Were the opinions of any expert scientists presented? Who were the scientists?
6. Is there any information that was *not* provided that might be important? Give examples.
7. When you think about the issue more, does your opinion change?