



*Engaged Citizens: SS.7.CG.2.8*  
***Influencing and Monitoring  
the Government***  
**READING GUIDE #1**

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**Reading: Methods of the Media**

**Benchmark Clarification 1:** Students will identify methods used by the media to monitor and hold government accountable (e.g., acting as a watchdog, freedom of the press as contained in the 1st Amendment).

Reading Task	Response
What ideas are presented in the reading?	
What is the central idea of the reading?	
Select two words or phrases that support the central idea.	
How might this reading connect to your own experience or something you have seen, read, or learned before?	
How can the media monitor or influence the government?	Media can monitor or influence government by: