

War Reporters—Discussion

The Importance of War Reporters—Past and Present

Before Louis embarks on his first reporting mission, he is filled with excitement and purpose:

‘Taking photographs of places in danger and bringing news from far away to those desperate to hear it...
If I couldn’t fight the battle I could write the battle.’



The role of a war reporter has changed since 1914, but we still need to know what is happening in troubled regions of the world—reporters continue to give their lives to tell the story of those suffering to the rest of the world.

Discuss the following questions with your group, noting down your thoughts as you go. Consider both the past and present day, keeping in mind how things have changed.

	Past (WWI)	Present Day
The greatest dangers of reporting at war		
The everyday challenges of being a war reporter		
Why do we need war reporters?		
Who might want to stop war reporters and why?		