

## Unbiased Reporting: Unit Summary

Port Douglas is in the process of fixing and rebuilding the damage caused by Hurricane Dante. Players find themselves at the center of a possible political scandal when one of their reporters discovers evidence pointing to potential corruption at the Mayor's office involving misuse of relief funds. At the same time, *The Daily Byte's* publisher says that she wants to see the magazine focus on unbiased reporting; the magazine is getting a reputation for being overly critical of the local government, and all stories must be carefully sourced to avoid the appearance of bias.



Activities in this unit include reviewing evidence to determine whether Mayor Young has done anything wrong, correcting an article that contains some embarrassing errors, and distinguishing between fact and fiction before deciding whether or not to publish a potentially controversial article. The day concludes with a writing assignment: writing a memo to all *The Daily Byte* reporters about the magazine's standards of journalism.

CCSS reinforced in this unit: Reading: Informational Text: Key Ideas and Details, RI.6.1; Craft and Structure, RI.6.4; Integration of Knowledge and Ideas, RI.6.8; and Writing: Text Types and Purposes, W.6.2.