

## AFTERNOON SESSION

1. Why did LaDonna push you so hard to read her article about Mayor Young? (She was afraid another news organization would get the story out first.) For what reason did you tell her you had not yet read the article? (e.g., I was waiting for her to provide a second source to confirm that the information in the article was accurate.)
2. According to the press release from the Mayor’s office, a rumor started about the Mayor taking a bribe simply because people came to the wrong conclusion based on certain events that took place. What were those events? (e.g., Principally, Albert Shire taking the elevator to the Mayor’s floor and the blueprint for the new house extension left on the Mayor’s desk.) Why do you think LaDonna, despite being an excellent reporter, was eager to believe the story about the Mayor taking a bribe? (Answers will vary, but students should understand that LaDonna’s personal bias against the Mayor contributed to her readiness to believe a negative story about Mayor Young.)
3. Why is it sometimes good to step back and let another news organization “scoop” you on a story—publish a story first? (e.g., It’s more important to publish a story that is completely accurate than to publish an inaccurate one before anyone else does.) Describe an experience in which you got disappointing results because, like LaDonna, you didn’t plan enough or think enough about possible outcomes. **Note:** To get students going, you may wish to provide one of the examples. (e.g., playing a sport or game without stopping to strategize; answering test questions without reading all the options; spreading gossip without really thinking if a story about someone could be proven to be true.)

