

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (more research might be needed)

1. What do you think? Do you agree with the AMPTP that it is too soon to make a three-year contract based on new media? Why or why not? How would you attempt to settle this strike? Explain your reasoning.

2. Define some examples of new media. How do you think new media is impacting the ways in which you view and interact with entertainment? Compare these changes with the way entertainment was experienced ten years ago? What do you imagine it will be ten years from now? Do you think these changes are for the best? Why or why not?

3. Research the impact of the strike on Hollywood (a good place to start might be the Los Angeles Times www.latimes.com). What other jobs have been impacted? What do you think this will do to the California economy? Do you think the writers are responsible for this? How does this impact your opinion of the decision to continue strike?

Extension Activity

Have students write a 300-500 word essay on this topic providing clear examples. Send your completed editorial to NewsHour Extra (extra@newshour.org). Exceptional essays might be published on our Web site.