What is Journalism?

**Directions**: Watch the Ben Swann video at <http://youtu.be/adr2-LChEAY>. Then discuss the following questions with the class, or divide students into groups and have them discuss the questions, write down their answers, and then share with the class.

1. What is the difference between fact and opinion?
2. Do you think journalism is dead?
3. Describe an example of a grassroots effort that you have witnessed, or heard about.
4. What does the speaker mean when he says, "...force-feeding the public stories which are slanted in favor of huge corporate interests and presenting them as facts..."?
5. What does the speaker mean when he said journalism is not about "...talking points from the left or the right, especially when the end result is the same..."?