Questions for Thought and Discussion

- Why is the Internet causing such big problems for newspaper companies?
- What makes Rupert Murdoch such a significant figure in the world of journalism?
- Why do you think Thomas Jefferson, a founding father of the United States of America, said that given a choice between government without newspapers or newspapers without government he would not hesitate to choose the latter?
- What is your favourite film in which a journalist or journalists play a leading role?
- Why was the Leveson inquiry set up into the culture and practices of the British press?
- What was Leveson's principle recommendation for change and why has it so far proved impossible to get agreement about change?
- Do you trust journalists? Do you trust them or less than politicians? Doctors? Teachers? Business leaders? Scientists?
- Can it ever be right for a journalist to break the law of the land?
- Do you spend more or less time staying in touch with the news than you did five or ten years ago? What are your main sources of news?
- As newspaper sales continue to fall, do you think that the public are becoming less well informed about what's going on?
- To what extent and how does the Internet offer new routes to finding out what's going on?
- Do you Tweet? Or use Twitter in some other way? How do Twitter and Facebook play a part in the news business?
- How do you get local and community news? Is this becoming easier or harder?
- Are news media owners too powerful?
- How important is the BBC in news provision? Do you trust it more or less than newspapers or other news sources?
**Further Reading**

Please refer to the further reading section at the back of *Journalism: A Very Short Introduction*. 