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1. What do you think when you read claims in a newspaper or magazine that seem to be unsubstantiated?

When reading claims in a newspaper or magazine that seem to be unsubstantiated I often get annoyed and provoked. I strongly believe that writers are and should be responsible for what they are putting in their writing. They should make sure that the information given to the readers are true and reliable. I have such a strong and negative reaction, because some people may read that magazine and simply "take it" as a truth, and in my opinion it is just not fair to them.

2. How do you approach research?

The best approach I usually do research is, first of all understanding the purpose of writing. When I decide what I want to write about, for whom, and what my audience should gain after reading my paper, I can begin the research. I ask myself if I know anything about the subject and where I can find more information about this matter. Next, I have to determinate what sources can be useful and how creditable they are. I try to think "out of the box" in order to find other ways or perspectives of looking at the topic. I may even make some personal interviews to get the feeling, what other people may think about it. This approach usually leads me to finding out additional sources of information. Researching for me is basically reading, listening, gathering information, taking notes and then evaluating them. It is a very important step in the process of writing.