

Citizen Journalism

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What is Citizen Journalism?

- Citizen journalism- noun- the involvement of non-professionals in reporting news, especially in blogs and other websites.
 - Definition from Dictionary.com
- <http://youtu.be/RDh1Z6qCGLw>
- Examples:
 - The Rapidian- <http://therapidian.org/>
 - Ann Arbor Chronicle: <http://annarborchronicle.com/>

Five Steps For Getting Started in Citizen Journalism

1. Do Some Background Research
2. Find An Outlet For Your Work
3. Create An Outlet For Your Work
4. Get The Tools You Need
5. Find Something To Cover

- From:

<http://journalism.about.com/od/citizenjournalism/tp/citizenjournalismsteps.htm>

10 tips to being a good Citizen Journalist.

1. Necessary to be real
2. Events are all around you waiting to be told
3. Write from your point of view
4. Share with others, don't think it's boring
5. Making-up isn't the way
6. Every day isn't Christmas so write about ordinary things
7. Be descriptive but don't exaggerate
8. Accuracy is obligation
9. Correct grammar is requirement
10. Keep your notebook and camera close to you, never know when something interesting is going to happen
 - [From: http://www.newsmeback.com/blog/citizen-journalism/explanation-for-10-things-for-a-good-citizen-journalist/](http://www.newsmeback.com/blog/citizen-journalism/explanation-for-10-things-for-a-good-citizen-journalist/)

Now Let's Get Started!

Any questions or comments?

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