

Should a celebrity's private life be open to the public?

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I love everything about celebrities. I can't imagine how glamorous their lives are. I wish I could live one day like a celebrity. Why do I admire celebrities? First, they are pretty and handsome, and they make lots of money for being famous. They also get lots of attention everywhere they go. They must live luxurious lives.

I like watching TV shows that tell about a celebrity's private life. When you are a fan of a celebrity, it's normal to want to know more about him or her. I was surprised when I learned that my favorite teenage singer Jessie Jam eats double cheeseburgers at Burger Best, which is my favorite place to eat burgers.

I also like to read articles from teen magazines because they have all kinds of stories about celebrities. Most of them are gossip, but who really knows if they are real?

One day, I was talking to Sara, and we were talking about our favorite singer Jessie Jam. Sara was telling me that she is dating a guy from a band called RocknRule. The photos of them dating that were taken by paparazzi were all over the internet. We were shocked to find out about their relationship.

My brother Mark interrupted my conversation with Sara. He told me, "Celebrities are humans, too. You should go easy on them even if you are a big fan, you know." I didn't want to agree with what he said, but my face went red all of a sudden. What was I doing wrong? I thought it was their job to expose their private life for money. Isn't it?

Individual Research

Write some supporting ideas for each topic below.

A celebrity's life should be open to the public.

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A celebrity's life should be protected.

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◆ **Answer the following questions.**

1. What does the author love?
2. What does the author love most about celebrities?
3. What is RocknRule?
4. What does the author think the job of a celebrity is?
5. Why did the author's brother tell the author that celebrities are humans, too?

◆ **Check the correct answer.**

	True	False
1. Celebrities make lots of money for being smart.		
2. We can find stories about celebrities in magazines.		
3. Paparazzi are people who take photos of celebrities.		
4. The author thinks celebrities are no different than other people.		
5. The author thinks that a celebrity's private life should be open to the public.		

◆ **Find the definition for each word.**

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|---------------|---|---|---|
| 1. celebrity | ● | ● | very expensive, beautiful, and comfortable |
| 2. luxurious | ● | ● | to show something that is usually covered or hidden |
| 3. expose | ● | ● | extremely interested by something or someone |
| 4. fascinated | ● | ● | a famous living person |
| 5. privacy | ● | ● | being free from public attention |

Time to Think

Read the questions and discuss them with your classmates.



1. Who is your favorite singer, actor, or actress? Why do you like him or her?
2. Have you ever dreamed of being famous? Why or why not?
3. What could be the advantages of being famous?
4. What could be the disadvantages of being famous?
5. Do you think being a celebrity is a stressful job? Why or why not?
6. Would you give up your private life if you could be famous and rich?
7. Who are the paparazzi? Do you think the job of the paparazzi is morally acceptable?
8. Should there be some regulations to protect a celebrity's privacy?
9. What kind of law would you make to protect a celebrity's privacy?
10. Should celebrities be treated as one of us, or should they get special attention and care?

