

TC 4-7

Using Supporting Information

- Find a feature story and an editorial in a newspaper in the library or through the LEXIS-NEXIS link on **The Write Site**.
- Read the articles.
- Identify the topic or view of each.
- Highlight information that supports the topic or view.
- Examine the kinds of information provided. Ask these questions:
 - Does the writer cite or quote experts, authorities, or other people who know about the topic? If so, identify these people.
 - Are visuals such as maps, charts, and graphs used to show location and provide statistics, examples, and analogies (examples that are similar in some ways)? If so, identify these sources and explain how they are used.
 - Is there evidence that the writer has used sources of information such as research reports, almanacs, yearbooks, statistical records, and government documents? Look for references to these types of material. A key phrase to look for would be “according to [the source].”
- Share your findings with the rest of the class. Discuss whether supporting information made the articles you read more convincing or interesting.