



Libel Law Quiz

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1. If you disguise the subject of your story, he or she cannot successfully sue you for libel.

- True
- False

2. Editors of a print-based student newspaper can be held responsible for publishing a libelous statement even if it is made by someone else (for example, a statement in a letter to the editor, a senior quote or a personal ad).

- True
- False

3. Material published on an "Opinion Page" or as part of an editorial cannot be libelous.

- True
- False

4. Cartoonists — because they are trying to be funny — cannot be successfully sued for libel.

- True
- False

5. All false statements of fact are libelous.

- True
- False

6. Truth is an absolute defense to a libel claim.

- True
- False

7. If a reporter can get three different sources to confirm the same factual allegation, he or she cannot be successfully sued for libel.

- True
- False

8. Contacting the subject of a news story before publication can help you avoid a successful libel lawsuit.

True

False

9. Most high school students, because they are minors, cannot be successfully sued for libel.

True

False

10. Publishing an apology or retraction for a libelous statement will protect you from a successful libel claim.

True

False

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