
Snowden: Traitor or Hero

Viewing Guide

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Directions: As you watch the video, fill in the blanks with the correct words.

1. Eight years ago [2013], Edward Snowden revealed government _____.
2. What changed me was a _____ that what our government actually does was very different than the public representation of it
3. We're capturing _____ that your family is doing online, that your friends are doing online.
4. Snowden took documents to _____ and the world learned the truth about the NSA's spying.
5. The president said _____ knew about the spying, but they didn't because NSA officials misled them.
6. But now that I've done the research, I conclude that you really got screwed. Yet you talk about this very dispassionately and thoughtfully. Aren't you pissed off? I mean, James Clapper lied to Congress and he wasn't fired and now he works for CNN. Keith Alexander now is on Amazon's board. They made out, you're in _____.
7. They canceled my _____, which meant I couldn't leave Russia.

Now, take a few moments to reflect on the video and answer the questions below:

What did Edward Snowden do? _____

Why did he do it? _____

If you were Edward Snowden, what would you have done? _____

Why? _____

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PMI Chart

P = Plus: What are some positive effects of Edward Snowden's actions?

M = Minus: What are some negative effects of Edward Snowden's actions?

I = Interesting: What did you find interesting about Edward Snowden's actions?

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Is Edward Snowden a whistleblower, traitor, both, or neither? _____

Please explain your answer: _____

Should American citizens be concerned about what Edward Snowden did? _____ Why/Why not? _____

Should American citizens be concerned about the NSA? _____ Why/Why not? _____

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Political Cartoon Activity

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Directions: Use the political cartoon to answer the questions below.



Briefly describe what is happening in the political cartoon: _____

What is Edward Snowden carrying? _____

Why? _____

What is ironic about what the characters representing Russia and China say? _____

What is the purpose or message the cartoonist is trying to convey? _____