

St. Michael's

Roman Catholic School Goose Bay

Grade 4

Four students wrote this entertaining but informative account of both sides of the seal hunt. Although the seal hunt ultimately is favored, it is after all Newfoundland.

The use of the National News as a frame for the actions, is an ingenious idea, and use could be made of this technique in any study of current affairs. After students have researched a particular topic, representatives from each side are brought in to interview. Important of course, is the objective interviewer, the Peter Kent of this production, who can ask the most controversial questions and get away unscathed.

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THE SEAL HUNT

ANNOUNCER: The National, with Peter Kent

P. Kent: Good evening. Tonight we are going to dedicate our entire show to the Seal Hunt taking place off the coast of Labrador. Reporting is Dale White.

D. White: (Scene - "The Ice" where the Sealers are working)

This is Dale White reporting from the sealing vessel, Lady Johnson. We are now talking to Captain Morrissey Johnson.

Captain Johnson, does the seal hunt bother you?

Capt. Johnson: Well, most of the time,

D. White: Why?

Capt. Johnson: Well it is not good to look at. And another problem is the Greenpeace People keep interfering and another problem is alot of people outside Newfoundland don't agree with the seal hunt.

D. White: Talking about Greenpeace, here they are now. Thank you for your time. Right now I am going to interview one of the Greenpeace people.

What do you think of the seal hunt?

Greenpeace: I think it is mean and horrible!

D. White: Do you hope the sealers will stop?

Greenpeace: Yes! The seals have a right to live like anybody else. The harp seal will become extinct if the hunt goes on.

D. White: Thanks for your time. Ladies and gentlemen, I am now going to interview a sealer.

Are you bothered by the seal hunt?

Sealer: Well, I got to make a living!

D. White: What does your family think about the seal hunt?

Sealer: They think that we have to do it because if we didn't the seals would eat most of the fish and fishermen would be out of business.

D. White: Now back to Peter Kent.

P. Kent: You have now heard both sides of the Seal Hunt issue. We will now go to the House of Assembly in St. John's for a live debate about the Seal Hunt.

J. Tripper: This is Jack Tripper reporting from the House of Assembly in St. John's. As you can see the protesters are trying madly to get into the House. Now to the meeting.

1st Speaker:
(Robert) Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask why we should have a seal hunt? It's completely inhumane.

2nd Speaker:
(Tracey) But Mr. Speaker, it is humane. When the seals are clubbed on the head they don't feel a thing from then on.

3rd Speaker:
(Tina) Mr. Speaker, I'm telling you one thing - the seal hunt is completely inhumane and the seals should have a right to live just like any other animal in the world.

4th Speaker:
(Kerri) Mr. Speaker, the seals have a right to live but so do Newfoundlanders. I don't know what you are driving at. If then too many seals remained alive the fish would be eaten by the seals and the seals would grow larger in herds. They'd eat more fish and our fishermen would be penniless.

5th Speaker: Mr. Speaker, I guess the honorable member is right.

Larry: This meeting is now ajourned.