



## SECTION 5

### PROPAGANDA AND CRITICAL THINKING

**WICKED**  
The untold true story of the Witches of Oz

## ACTIVITY

### ◆ THE TRUTH ◆

***"The truth is not a thing of fact or reason,  
the truth is just what ev'ryone agrees on."***

– The Wizard

The Wizard demonstrates that he is willing to employ many tools of deception to ensure his popularity and to carry out his plans. He even goes on to say, *"The truth is not a thing of fact or reason, the truth is just what ev'ryone agrees on."*

**Show your students a picture from a newspaper article.**

**Have the students decide, as a class, what happened, based on what they see in the picture.**

Once the students have reached a consensus on what the story is, share the real news story with the students.

Referring back to the Wizard's comment above, discuss what 'truth' means. Discuss the importance of fact in the notion of 'truth' and that sometimes, we may need to see the real truth when we are presented with something.

You may also wish to extend your studies by undertaking a project in critical analysis of the media and the importance of fact and truth-telling in the news.

