

The Broadcasts of Edward R. Murrow

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Edward R. Murrow:
An Appreciation of
The Man & His Words
A Resource for
Social Studies
teachers & students
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Link to PBS special: [American Masters: Edward R. Murrow, The Reporter](#)

“...totally controlled and brilliant as a communicator, a man who spanned the oceans and who more than anyone else made broadcasting respectable for a generation of other talented broadcasters...”

(David Halberstam in *The Powers that Be*)

INTRODUCTION:

Many students don't have a clue as to who Edward R. Murrow was,
nor do they know that this veteran CBS broadcast journalist set the mark for excellence.

This website is designed to help students (and teachers) learn not only who Murrow was, but also to help them appreciate history via his radio and TV broadcasts.

[Listening skills](#) are critically important and many state's [teaching standards](#) include them. As such, this site may also be helpful not only to Social Studies, but also to those in the English Language arts arena.

Before proceeding, it may also be helpful for educators (and students) to review:

- media literacy [“key concepts”](#)
- [critical thinking questions](#)

Using the Table of Contents (on the left) you will find a wealth of material to use in the classroom.

Recent news stories about Murrow:

October 2008 [What Would Murrow Do?](#) (Am Journalism Review)

April 2008 [Master of a Fading Craft](#)

March 2008 [Remembering Murrow](#) (Special issue of RTNDA Communicator)

Sept. 2007 [Radio prototype: Edward R. Murrow and Fred Friendly's Hear It Now](#)

Feb. 2006: [Newly donated papers](#) shed light on Murrow's war broadcasts

As always, I appreciate hearing from educators and students about the

value of this website. You can reach me

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