**Chapter Summary** – Module Two

This chapter discusses the role of broadcast and Internet journalism in American society and in this democracy.  It describes journalism as a delivery system, which uses many of the mass media to connect communities and individuals to important issues and events.  The chapter traces the history of electronic journalism, from the days of reading newspapers over the radio to the powerful images of television, to the instant information and mis-information found on the Internet. There is a thorough discussion of dramatic changes in both the craft and profession of electronic journalism as well as in this country's political process.  The chapter ends with a discussion of the realities and challenges of electronic journalism today.