**Student Handout**

**Questions for analyzing an article**

*Read Ian Hunter’s article, “A Tale of Truth and Two Journalists”, March 27, 2000 in Report Mag­azine and answer the following questions:*

1. - What event led to the writing of the article?
2. - What is the main idea of the article?
3. - Select several facts/arguments (3 minimum), which support the main idea.
4. - Does the author provide enough factual material to support his ideas (quotes witnesses, provides statistics, states his sources of information?
5. - Was he an eyewitness to events; or was the information obtained through a news service?
6. - Is the reportage, in your opinion, true, balanced or biased? Explain.
7. - Are different viewpoints presented? Is this article an editorial (author’s own ideas), is it informative, is it convincing, is it balanced?
8. - What do you think of the article and its point of view? Explain.

**Questions for analyzing Ian Hunter’s article, Specifically**.

1. - How did Muggeridge and Duranty present events in Ukraine in 1933?
2. - What explanation is given for the discrepancies between the two journalists?
3. - Who, in your opinion, told the truth?
   * 1. - Write a short letter to the editor about how you feel about Duranty and his Pulitzer Prize for journalism?