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### **Activity 3: Surveying the Text—and Making Predictions**

Before you read the article, answer the following questions:

1. Read the biographical information about the author of the article, Deborah King. Does she sound like she knows about the “impact celebrities have on our lives?” What, specifically, in the biographical information makes her sound credible? Underline those words.

Deborah King is the bestselling author of *Truth Heals: What You Hide Can Hurt You*. A health and wellness expert and attorney, Deborah King is featured regularly in broadcast, online, and print media, making frequent appearances on national TV such as CNN and Fox News. She is also a featured blogger for *Psychology Today*, writing on a wide range of issues such as health, politics, domestic violence, and celebrities.

2. You will see four subheadings in the article in bold type. What do you predict each section will be about based on the subtitles? Write a complete sentence for each one.

**The Fascination Obsession**

**Fast Reporting or Bad Celebrities?**

**The Positive Celebrities**

**The Mirror Effect**

3. Read the first paragraph of the article:

“People often ask me why I use celebrity examples to illustrate my work. Well, look around. The truth is that we are obsessed with celebrities. Head to the checkout line at a grocery store and you’ll see all the magazines, each trying to have the most salacious story on the cover to gain your attention so that you’ll spend your hard-earned dollar buying it. For many people, not a day goes by when they don’t sneak a peek at their favorite celebrity gossip website. Sites like *TMZ.com* and *PerezHilton.com* are some of the hottest websites online, garnering millions of hits a day.”

Based on this first paragraph and the four subheadings, why do you think Deborah King is writing this particular article? What is her purpose? Choose your answer(s) from below:

- a. King wants to persuade us that celebrities have a negative impact on us.
- b. King wants to persuade us that celebrities have a good impact on us.
- c. King wants to explore why we are so obsessed with celebrities.
- d. King wants to explain why she likes celebrities so much.
- e. King wants to explore both the positive and negative impact of celebrities on us.

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4. The last two sentences of the article are “The stars are out there, big and bright. Let’s get the stars rising in ourselves.” What do you think the author means? Write an answer below in a complete sentence or two to be discussed in groups/whole class.
5. Now that you have thought about this topic, what else would you like to know about celebrities and their impact on us? Write down three questions about this topic that you hope the author discusses in her article.