

Whistleblowers

Name: _____

Directions: Complete the table using details and inferences from the video clips and your research.

Whistleblowers:	Daniel Ellsberg	
What problem was observed?		
What could this person do to address the problem? What were the ethics of doing nothing?		
What were the risks of making information about the problem public?		
How did this person make the information public?	Sent copies to senators William Fulbright and George McGovern, who didn't act on them. Ellsberg then leaked the report to <i>The New York Times</i> and other news outlets, which published excerpts of them. Senator Mike Gravel eventually read the documents into the Congressional Record.	
What was the outcome of making this information public?	The documents, which became known as the "Pentagon Papers," contributed to Americans' dissatisfaction with the Vietnam War and triggered a series of events that led to President Nixon's resignation and the end of the war.	

Analysis and Application

Please provide thoughtful answers to the following questions. Support your ideas with examples from the whistleblower cases you studied. If needed, use additional sheets of paper for your responses.

1. In your view, do the actions of whistleblowers help or hurt society? Explain.

2. What would you have done if you had been in the positions of the whistleblowers in the two cases that you studied? Why?

3. Provide an example of how someone your age could expose and publicly raise concerns about misconduct or wrongdoing.