**Journalistic essays** are a popular form of creative nonfiction. Their purpose is to inform and enlighten. Publications such as The New Yorker, The Atlantic Monthly, Harper's publish this type of writing. It is writing about facts that are external to the writer's own life.

Rewrite this definition in your own words:

Why did Quindlen begin her essay by discussing one woman?

What is the difference between**” the homeless** (a collective noun) and **homeless** an adjective? Look at the last wo paragraphs for some clues.