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**Discuss IT Topic:** Some of you may or may not have heard of Edward Snowden. Take a few minutes and look up what this person has done to expose government spying/eavesdropping using technology on ordinary citizens? Do you think he should be given a medal of honor or should he be held accountable for his actions? Who should be considered the guilty party?

**Response:** Please make sure all grammar, spelling, indentation, and punctuation is correct.

Edward Snowden. The very name sends shivers down any government official's spine and turns their eyes red. His daring act of releasing top secret documents to the people to expose our corrupt government put a price on his head. A big price. So big this guy mounted a plane and went "see ya!" Shot himself on a metal flying catapult from Naughty North America to Savior South America (not saying Canada's bad, though). His heroic crime has shaken people to the core in realizing the very fine line between right and wrong. It's so fine in Snowden's case because he's broken that line from a string of yarn into nothing but a fine, almost transparent string, like a spider's web string. However, the ultimate question, that's sure to send anyone off on a reflective tangent, awaits: is he the good guy, or the bad guy? I personally just see him as a young guy who saw something wrong and did the right thing and exposed it. I'd hate to see this man go to jail for doing the right thing, even though the right thing was an illegal thing. It's a pretty controversial topic, and though I'm the type of girl to be neutral or "on the fence" about certain topics, I strongly believe he is a man of morals and he should be given a medal of honor, or at least an honorable mention. Some people just see him as the crime he committed against our nation, while others see him as the people's advocate within a government's shady regime. There are already enough <u>unknown soldiers</u> of the government that have "mysteriously disappeared" soon after revealing a dark truth about our "Big Brother." If this guy just poofs out of the radar and shows up dead, I'm pretty sure even those unquestioning people would begin to question their "constitutional" sibling.