Part 2: Ethical Situations for High School Journalists

Directions: For each of the following situations, explain how the journalism ethics terms apply. Please write in complete sentences.

1. A source tells you that she has pertinent information about an ongoing cheating scandal at Landstown, but she wants to go “off the record” before she tells you the details. What journalistic ethical issues are involved in including this story?
2. A member of your family has opened a local restaurant close to Landstown. Your teacher has asked for you to write a review of fun, local hangouts for teens. What journalistic ethical issues are involved if you include this restaurant in your article?
3. A journalism classmate of yours is facing a final deadline and confides in you that she did not take the time to interview anyone for her article. However, at the end of the class, she turns in a completed article with interviews included. What journalistic ethical issues are involved in this situation?