

Newspaper Assignment

Your last writing assignment for the unit is a newspaper that reviews the 2013-2014 school year. Remember your focus should be on providing informational text.

1. Make sure your paper meets the following requirements:

- Is formatted like a newspaper—with a name, columns, page numbers, etc.
- Has the following things:
 - **Newspaper name, headlines, and bylines.**
 - **1 headline story.** This story needs to be what would be considered the "biggest" event of the year for you (and your group).
 - **3 other news articles** about big events during the year.
 - **Movie/Book/Video Game Review** Watch a movie, play a video game, or read a book that came out this year and review it. Be sure to state the title, performers, producer, writer, and date of publication. Briefly summarize the item and tell whether you liked it or not and why.
 - **Fashion article.** What were the styles of this year? Include pictures and your own text.
 - **2 accurate advertisements** for new products this year. You may print these off.
 - **Advice column.** Read a column or two by advice columnists in newspapers or magazines to get an idea of the types of problems people had and create an "authentic" advice column.
 - **Entertainment/Sports/Extracurricular Activities** page. You will need at least 1 article about the sports or extracurricular activities of this year.

2. When creating your newspaper, keep the following things in mind:

- Take time to proofread your work.
- Make sure your articles are informative.
- Select a font that is easy to read.
- The length of the articles is up to you. But, remember to address the important information in a concise, professional manner while still giving the reader enough detail to understand what is going on. Refer to real newspapers to get ideas.
- Pictures do great justice to stories. You don't pick up many newspapers without pictures, so make sure yours has them and that they are of quality.

	Requirements	Possible Points
Name and Headlines	Paper has a creative title and headlines for all articles with correct dates.	4
Headline story	Paper has at least one headline story about the most significant event of the year. The article summarizes the event by giving great detail and reporting the news in a professional manner.	10
3 news articles	Paper has at least 3 news articles (not including the headline story). These articles professionally and thoroughly summarize 3 events of the year.	30
Movie/Game/Book review	Gives title, writer/producer, and publication date of your movie/game/book. The article summarizes the item and professionally gives your personal opinion about the book/game/movie.	10
Fashion Article	Has at least four pictures of clothing/fashions of the year. Each picture has a caption describing the fashion pictured.	10
Advertisements	Paper has at least 2 popular and appropriate advertisements from the year.(You may have to create your own)	5
Advice Column	Paper has 1 article that gives "advice" for what might have been a common problem for people during this year.	10
Entertainment/Sports	Paper has at least one article on a sport or extracurricular activity from this year.	10