

News Team Assignment

Due Date:

Value: 150 points

Format and Procedure:

1. Students will form groups and be assigned a week for their presentation.
2. Each member of the group will select a current event for its investigative report and they will select a team coordinator, who will serve as the teacher contact for approval of topics and to organize meetings, etc. **ALL TOPICS FOR THE NEWSCAST REQUIRE PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE INSTRUCTOR.**
3. Each member of the team is responsible for researching their current event that will become part of the group effort, or, news team.
4. Each group is responsible for a thirty minute TV program on the topic selected. The news program should INFORM though oral and visual presentations. In addition, it should entertain. Class participation is strongly encouraged for your presentation.
5. It is vital for the team to meet and coordinate its presentation. Criteria for grading include inclusion of current and accurate information, interaction of the team members, team leadership of the class, presentation of various points of view, and visuals used to inform. Creativity is essential. Remember that TV is a visual medium. Charts, graphs, maps, videos and pictures all help to inform and entertain.
6. The team is encouraged to use original formats to present its information. It may include a panel of experts, a round table discussion, a debate, a call in program, an evening news program, a docudrama, a documentary, or a news special. Be informative and creative.
7. The news team should sign on and sign off. Key vocabulary words should be written on the board.
8. News team members are to dress appropriately for their role.
9. **News team members are not to read their reports.** Notes, props, etc. should be used, but familiarity with the subject is necessary for a successful presentation. Research your topic in order to become an expert in your field. Incorporate visuals into your report.
10. **It is vital that information is current!** Use periodicals, interviews, TV programs, etc. in your research, in addition to traditional sources.
11. At the end of the news team, each student will turn in a typed outline, including a bibliography.
12. The primary goal of the news team is to inform students of various viewpoints and options on current issues. Make your peers think!

Rubric

Oral Presentation

Visuals and presentation.....30 points
Videos, pictures, maps, charts and graphs, vocabulary on board, sign on and off, and professional appearance. This is in part, a group grade.

Panel.....30 points
Introduction, evidence of preparation, interaction of team members, and inclusion of different viewpoints in the group presentation, creativity and entertainment, leadership, and involvement of the class. This is in part, a group grade.

Newscast Presentation.....60 points
Quality and breadth of individual presentation, evidence of research which includes current information, eye contact with the audience, and incorporation of your visual materials. Demonstrate familiarity with the topic. Evidence of cooperation and preparation with the group. This is an individual grade.

Written Presentation: This segment is to be typed

Outline.....20 points
Should be comprehensive and show organization.

Bibliography.....10 points
Use proper MLA format and contains current sources. Must have a minimum of 5 sources for each team member.