**English 10 – Newspaper Article Assignment**

As the final project in our journalism unit, you are going to write your own newspaper article. It must follow the newspaper formatting, and you must utilize your knowledge of newspaper features to make sure your article suits. Remember to check your notes if you get stuck on what things an article needs.

This will be a summative assignment.

**Options:**

**Option 1: Create Your Own News Story:** Exercise your creative writing skills and create your own news story and write an article on it. This can be as realistic or fantastical as you would like it to be. Did someone discover a unicorn? Or is an asteroid plunging towards Earth? However, be careful not to be libelous and only use fictional people as your sources/subject matter.

**Option 2: Research and Write Your Own Version of a News Story:** Not feeling very creative? That’s okay. Option 2 is here for you to use your research skills, or even possibly interview skills. Here you would be writing about an event that actually happened, whether one you heard about locally (ex. about a school sports team, or other) or read about online and wanted to have your own take on it. You will want to research the story, doing interviews if possible/necessary, and then write it as your own (using your own words).

**Requirements:**

* Article should be about **one** page in length.
* Formatted in **columns** across the page, as in newspapers.
* Must include a **picture** and a **caption** that go along with the article. This can be a picture you have taken yourself, or one you found on the internet.
* Your article must have a **headline** that corresponds to the article.
* Include a **byline**, or who wrote it (aka you).
* Follow the format of a newspaper article with a **lead** paragraph (who, when, where, what), and then the **body** paragraphs (how, why), with the most important information at the start, and the less important information at the end.
* News articles must be presented in an unbiased fashion.
* **Article: Times New Roman**, **12** point font, **do not double space.**
* **Headline:** **Times New Roman,** bigger font size, keep it short and catchy.

**Assessment:**

* The bulk of the mark will be looking at how well written the newspaper article is.
* Part of it will look at how well your subject matter follows the 10 Element of Newsworthiness, and how well you implemented/followed the various newspaper formatting aspects that we learned about.
* Part of your mark will be based on grammar and spelling, so make sure you carefully proofread your article before you submit it.

**Due Date:** May 16th, 2019