

WebQuest Group Newspaper Article Grading Rubric

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Position Statement	The position statement provides a clear, strong statement of the author's position on the topic.	The position statement provides a clear statement of the author's position on the topic.	A position statement is present, but does not make the author's position clear.	There is no position statement.
Newspaper Format and Layout	All four news articles are included in the group newspaper, all articles include a image, all images are accompanied with a clear and historically accurate caption.	Missing one news article, missing one or two images, missing one or two image caption(s).	Missing two news articles, missing three images; missing three image captions.	Missing three to four news articles; does not include any images; does not include image captions.

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News Article Topics	Each individual article clearly identifies the specific topic in the first paragraph.	Each article identifies a specific topic, but some individual articles do not state the topic within the first paragraph.	Some article topics are unclear; topic is not displayed within the first paragraph.	Almost all article topics are unclear; most topics are not identified within the first two paragraphs.
Organization	Newspaper is well organized; all pages are numbered; all articles include a headline; and information is presented in an organized manner.	Newspaper shows some disorganization organized; not all information is presented in an organized manner, most articles include page numbers; all articles include a headline.	Newspaper is not organized; information is disorganized, most articles are missing page numbers; some articles are missing a headline.	Newspaper is not organized; majority of information is disorganized, article does not include page numbers, almost all articles are missing headlines.

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Participation	All group members participated equally; group members helped each other when needed and worked well together.	Most group members participated, worked together, and helped each other when needed.	Some group members participate; not all group members worked well together and occasionally were argumentative with one another.	Only one or two group members participated, did not work together, did not interact with one another, and no one collaborated their ideas and historical information.
Supporting historical information	Every news article includes 3 or more pieces of evidence (facts, statistics, examples, real-life experiences) that support the topic statement, the overall content and tone of the articles.	Most news articles include 3 or more pieces of evidence (facts, statistics, examples, real-life experiences) that support the topic sentence, the overall content and tone of the articles.	Some news articles include only two pieces of evidence (facts, statistics, examples, real-life experiences) that support the topic sentence, the overall content and tone of the articles.	Almost all or none of the news articles include evidence throughout real-life experiences) that support the topic sentence, the overall content and tone of the articles.

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Evidence and Examples	All of the evidence and examples are specific, relevant and explanations are given that show how each piece of evidence supports the author's position.	Most of the evidence and examples are specific, relevant and explanations are given that show how each piece of evidence supports the author's position.	At least one of the pieces of evidence and examples is relevant and has an explanation that shows how that piece of evidence supports the author's position.	Evidence and examples are NOT relevant AND/OR are not explained.
Accuracy	All supportive facts and statistics are reported accurately.	Almost all supportive facts and statistics are reported accurately.	Most supportive facts and statistics are reported accurately.	Most supportive facts and statistics were inaccurately reported.
Graphics	All articles include a photo or image that is accompanied by an informative caption.	Most articles include a photo or image that is accompanied by an informative caption.	Some articles include a photo or image that is accompanied by an informative caption.	All or only one news article includes a photo or image that is accompanied by an informative caption.
Grammar & Spelling	Author makes no errors in grammar or spelling that distracts the reader from the content.	Author makes 1-2 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.	Author makes 3-4 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.	Author makes more than 4 errors in grammar or spelling that distracts the reader from the content.

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Sources	All sources used for quotes, statistics and facts are credible and cited correctly.	All sources used for quotes, statistics and facts are credible and most are cited correctly.	Most sources used for quotes, statistics and facts are credible and cited correctly.	Many sources are suspect (not credible) AND/OR are not cited correctly.