



Newspaper Book Report



This book report will be completed in the format of a newspaper. Use the following requirements to design and lay out your "newspaper". Place the articles and features where you think they will fit best. Check off each requirement as it is completed. The written sections may be completed using a word processor, but the required drawings must be done by hand. Mount the sections on half of a poster board or on a full poster that is folded in half (so I can take home to read and grade). You may also mount the sections on construction paper. Work carefully—accuracy and neatness count! Your sections will display well if you mount each on a contrasting color as a background (I will show some "exemplars"). *****Use the rubric to self-rate before turning in.*****

Requirements: You must have each of the following sections in your newspaper.

- Title/Name of Newspaper—it can be related to the book, your name, the class, school...

Articles

- Summary**—Write a summary of the plot that will answer who, what, where, when and why. Use the plot map to guide you in focusing on the problem/solution and the key events from the plot. This article should be 2-3 paragraphs only (you will write a character profile separately). Create a catchy headline for the article. Be sure to include the title of the book somewhere in the summary or title.
- Character Profile**—Select a character from the book who has the qualities of a hero or heroine (probably the main character). Write an article that describes this character and explains his/her actions that show these qualities. Create a catchy headline and draw a picture that accompanies the article.
- "Wanted" Article**—Write an article that alerts the public about the danger of one of the characters or objects in the book. Include a drawing of the character/object, a physical description, the character's or object's misdeeds, other information that is important, and the reward offered for its/his/her capture.

Features

- Advice Column**—Pretend the main character wrote a short letter to a newspaper advice columnist seeking help with a major problem that he/she faces in the story. Create an assumed name for the character to use in his/her letter. Then, write a response from the columnist that reflects how the problem was solved. Make it look like an advice column.
- Editorial**—Choose an issue related to your book and take a position on it. Write a letter to the editor describing how you feel about the issue. Think carefully and honestly about what you want to say. Create a headline for the editorial.
- Book Review**—Write a review for the book you read. Explain what you liked and/or disliked and support with examples from the book. To whom would you recommend this book? Why? Create a headline for the review.
- Comics**—Design a comic or comic strip that illustrates something funny (or something you make up that is funny) relating to the story. Create a title and include captions and/or speech bubbles that explain what's happening.

Fillers—All the space in your newspaper should be filled. Choose at least two of these options to include in your newspaper. Be creative when filling up the white space. Make sure these relate to the story.

- Advertisements**—Based on something that was included in the story.
- Crossword Puzzle**—Use words and/or events that are part of the story.
- Obituary (Death Notice)**—Can be for a character that did or did not die as part of the story.
- Sports**—Use if there was any sporting event that could have been or was part of the story.
- Travel News**—Based on a location that was mentioned or was the setting.
- Classified Ads**—Can be "help-wanted" ad or an ad for an object that a character wants or wants to sell.
- Lost an Found**—Based on something that was lost as part of the story.
- Weather**—Describe the weather for a period that is important in the story.

Due Date: _____