



Summer Journalism Workshop - News Writing

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Sunday 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

- Introductions
- **Writing** (Expert & Non-Expert Field)
- Your Newspaper
- Story Ideas & News Values
- **Writing** (Memory from childhood)
- Gmail List



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Monday 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

- Visuals In Writing (Best ones from submissions)
- **Writing** Story Ideas For Next School Year
- Journalistic Writing vs. Essay Writing
- Feature Structure (NY Times Examples)
- Feature Ladder & News Ladder
- **Writing** Leads
- Profile Assignments on Classmates



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Story Idea Generation

General Topic & Section

News Value: Impact/Immediacy/Emotion/

Novelty/Conflict

Resources: Quote Sources

Research: List one web page for information

Visual Possibility

Survey Question

Possible interview questions



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Monday 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM

- Interviewing Techniques
- Empathy Questions
- Statements of Understanding
- Interviews (Groups of Three)
- Interview Observations – Third person should take notes on what they see between the two people
- **Writing** Rough Drafts – this becomes your homework



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- **Writing** - Revision of Profiles
- Ethics & Scenarios
- Theme – Finding A Focus
- Local Stories – See List of Campus Features
- Interviews of Local Sources On Campus –
Continued on Wednesday



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- Lead Exercises – 4 leads
- **Writing** – News Writing Practice Write-off
- Profile writing examples
- Feature story idea brainstorming



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Wednesday 9:30 PM – 12:30 PM

- Read Posted Profile Leads
(www.reportingstories.wordpress.com)
- Story Pitch for Feature Stories
- Interviewing for Feature Story
- **Writing** - Begin transcribing interviews and writing rough draft



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Wednesday 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM

- Feature Story Rough Draft
- Complete feature story work (Homework - 1st Draft due by 8 AM Thursday)
- Sports reporting – Guest Speaker (Boston Globe intern and USA Today intern) 3:30 PM



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Thursday 9:30 PM – 12:30 PM

- Peer Editing – Feature Story
- News Packaging
- Final Revisions
- Guest Speaker (Professional Sports Writer)



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- Opinion Writing (Staff editorials, columns, and reviews)
- Crafting Columns
- **Writing - Opinion Piece**



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Friday 9:30 PM – 11:30 PM

- Opinion piece revision
- Digital Storytelling Examples
- Taking Your Writing To The Web
- Brainstorming Interactive Feature
- Reflection