

Culminating activity: Creating a newspaper

You and your classmates, in groups of 5, will create a group newspaper. The newspaper will have articles about hypothetical events, weather, fashion, sports, and people. Such events may include natural disasters, political controversies, social features, and any other section your group chooses to include.

You may wish to take a look at an online newspaper or a local hard-copy edition and pattern your newspaper after this model.

- FRONT PAGE
 1. big headline articles, one of national news, one of local news
 2. a feature column
 3. several photographs
 4. links to other sections of the paper
 5. web threads of letters to the editor
 6. results of an online poll, usually a local issue question
 7. photographs

- CALENDAR page
 1. today's social events
 2. movie listings
 3. theater/concert events
 4. social events in the coming week (s)
 5. an advertisement for a local business
 6. photographs

- EDITORIAL PAGE
 1. editorial commentary
 2. letters to the editor
 3. a crossword or Sudoku puzzle
 4. an advertisement for a local business or restaurant

- SPORTS AND WEATHER PAGE
 1. sports events
 2. national/local weather report
 3. photographs

- CLASSIFIED SECTION
 1. pets
 2. employment opportunities
 3. for sale
 4. answers for crossword or Sudoku puzzle

Each person, except one, in your group will contribute to two sections of the newspaper. You will all peer-edit your articles within the group. All members of your group will be responsible for final editing of one of the main sections named above.

TIMELINES:

On specific dates, your group will submit

1. a list of your group's organization and each member's responsibilities.
2. each member's first article or section responsibility
3. each member's second article or section responsibility
4. a preliminary copy of the entire newspaper
5. a final copy of the entire newspaper

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