

Montclair High School

Course Syllabus

Department: English

Course: Journalism

Level: Honors

Credits: 5

Course Description:

This course consists of a brief overview of the world of Journalism (focusing mainly on newspaper). The topics covered include news values, news gathering, news writing, headline writing, page design, editing, and a selection of legal and ethical issues and will continue with the production of *The Mountaineer*.

Standards:

RL.11-12.1,2,3,4,6,9

RI.11-12.1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9

W.11-12.1,1A,1B,1C,1D,1E,1F

W.11-12.4.5,6,7,8,10

L.11-12.1,.2,,.2A,2B,.3,.3A,.4,.4A,4B,4C,4D,5A,5B,6

SL.11-12.1A,1B,1C,1D,.2,.3.4

Supplementary Materials:

Bergen Record Online Edition, Star Ledger, Montclair Times

Units of Study:

1. Writing for Newspapers
2. Gathering of News
3. Copy Editing
4. *Mountaineer* Style Guide
5. Layout
6. Computer Programs including Microsoft Word, Microsoft Publisher, Photoshop, Adobe Acrobat,
7. Evaluating Newspapers
8. Careers in Journalism

Proficiencies: By the end of this course, students will:

1. Identify and locate stories which are newsworthy
2. Identify and locate examples of news sources
3. Write news leads which employ the 5 W's and H.
4. Write news stories using the inverted pyramid style of writing.
5. Write headlines according to current newspaper standards.
6. Design and layout several types of newspaper pages.
7. To organize and prepare a spoken presentation on a topic relevant to journalism.
8. To prepare and write a book report on a topic relevant to journalism.
9. Identify in writing potential career paths that can take place in journalism.
10. Use software and other technologies to facilitate learning and performance.

Evaluation & Assessment:

Quizzes, Assignments Not related to <i>The Mountaineer</i>	40%
Tests, Projects, Presentations, Work related to <i>The Mountaineer</i>	60%
Common Benchmarks (Midterm & Final Exams)	5% of <u>final grade</u>