

World War I Newspaper Article Assignment Instructions

Task: You are going to create the front page of a World War I newspaper. Your role is that of a newspaper reporter and editor. You are reporting on a major event of World War I. You will prepare a high quality newspaper that reflects your understanding of this important era in history.

What do I write on the First Page?

- 1) The front page will have two articles.
- 2) One (1) article will be on the outbreak of World War I. The topic chosen must have occurred before the first shots of the war were made on August 5th, 1914. Using the timeline on the class website, choose one (1) of the first six events for this article.
- 3) The second article will be on another event of World War I. Choose this topic from timeline, from the 7th event onward.

Possible Topics:

- ✓ Battles (conditions, destruction, trench warfare, etc.)
- ✓ New weapons
- ✓ The collapse of Russia
- ✓ Arrival of American troops
- ✓ End of the War
- ✓ Signing of the Versailles Treaty

How do I write each article?

- 1) Each article must have a title, your name as the author, and the date when the event occurred.
- 2) The lead paragraph MUST include the 5 W's and give ALL the essential facts.
 - ✓ Who - Italicized
 - ✓ Where - Underlined
 - ✓ What - Bolded
 - ✓ Why - Bolded AND Underlined
 - ✓ When - Italicized AND Underlined
- 3) An eyewitness interview. **For this part, you will create a short eyewitness account about the event as if the person you are interviewing was there. Your interview must have 2 (two) SPECIFIC pieces of information about the event.
- 4) Articles should be between 150 - 250 words.
- 5) You must include one (1) relevant picture for each article

Tips for First Page:

Create a title for your newspaper and place it at the top of the First Page.

Font sizes will vary, but article title must be smaller than newspaper title and bigger than article font size.

Fonts must be Times New Roman, Candara, or Goudy Old Style.

For an easy newspaper template, open Microsoft Word, click "File," "New," and type "newspaper" in the search bar.

What is on the Second Page?

While on assignment, you run into a soldier writing poetry about their experience in the Great War. Due to government censorship, soldiers had a difficult time expressing their experiences in the war, but found an unlikely outlet in poetry.

- 1) You will select one poem written during World War I from the class website.
 - ✓ Include author's name and year poem was written
 - ✓ If, in your research on the poems, you come across a World War I poem you like better, you may use that one.
- 2) Find the poem online, then copy and paste it onto the 2nd page of your article.
- 3) Underneath the poem, write a 150-word analysis of the work
 - ✓ First 50 words:
 - Describe what the poem is about
 - ✓ Last 100 words:
 - Analyze the poem by looking at:
 - How does the poem relate the author's experience?
 - What message was the poet attempting to convey?
 - What emotions are the poet trying to elicit from the reader?
- 4) Include one (1) appropriate picture for each article