

# Newspaper Book Report

Using a full sheet of 12"x 18" construction paper (available upon request), create the front page of an imaginary newspaper based upon the book you just read. The entire paper is to be covered with newspaper information, just like an actual newspaper.

Include the following parts:



- A. A title for your newspaper at the top that has a connection to your book.
- B. One article that describes the setting of your book. Be sure to include information on the time and place of the setting using clear / vivid details. You can choose to explain the setting through an event or the eyes of a character. If there are numerous settings, focus upon the most important ones where the key action occurs.
- C. An article that describes the conflict / problem in the story. Provide information on what incites (causes) the problem and its final solution. How is this problem solved / brought to a conclusion? Identify the theme as well – if unclear, what message / lesson do you believe the author wanted you to have when reading this book? This may be a lengthy, multi paragraph article!
- D. An article describing the main characters and their roles in the story. Describe appearance, personality traits, relationships, etc... After 3 – 4 main character descriptions, you could just mention any other supporting characters by name / role only. Focus on the most important characters only, the ones who move the action along.
- E. Write up an interesting episode, or your favorite event from the story in newspaper format. Be sure to include the: who, what, where, when, why and or how.
- F. 2 pictures with captions. The pictures can be of characters, settings, events, etc... You can draw, xerox, cut from magazines, or download. Captions should be no less than 2 complete sentences in length, describing what the picture is about. Plan the size of the pictures based upon the space left on the page!
- G. Save a small amount of space somewhere on the paper for title page information: Your name, book title, author, # of pages in book, publishing company, year of publication, and a parent signature.
- H. Fill in any remaining space left on the newspaper with ads, editorials, cartoons, horoscopes, or any other creative writing that would be found in a newspaper. All of these extras must still relate to your book. (An ad for a cell phone for the story "Dragon, Dragon" wouldn't be appropriate, but an ad for "Knight's Armor" or a "Used Chariot" would)



Books can be of any genre and should be at least 150 pages or more in length. Books less than this page amount should be "checked-in" with the teacher for appropriate reading level and content. All books must meet with parent approval, which will be indicated by the signature on the report.

Sample book reports, displaying newspaper format and layout ideas, will be shared in class and will be available for viewing on the website. This report can be done by hand, on the computer, or a combination of both by cutting and pasting desired elements. The ability to summarize and not retell the entire story will be an important skill, as space on the paper may become limited, so select the details carefully!



Due Date \_\_\_\_\_