

Newspaper Article Rubric

Name _____ Your Topic/Circle One: **Entertainer, Outlaw, Athlete**

Category	4	3	2	1
Headline Score _____	The article has a headline that captures the reader's attention and accurately describes the content.	The article has a headline that accurately describes the content.	The article has a headline that does not describe the content.	The article is missing a headline.
Who, What, When, Where, & How Score _____	The article adequately addresses the 5 W's (Who, What, When, Where and How). The article includes at least 10 complete sentences.	The article is missing one of the 5 W's. The article includes 8 complete sentences.	The article is missing 2 of the 5 W's. The article includes less than 8 complete sentences.	The article is missing 3 or more of the 5 W's. The article includes fewer than 8 complete sentences.
Lead Sentence Score _____	The lead sentence grabs the reader's attention and focuses the reader on the topic.	The lead sentence tells the most important details.	The lead sentence is not clearly connected to the article.	There is no clear lead sentence in the article.
Conventions Score _____	There are no spelling or significant grammar errors. There are several complex sentences.	There are few spelling or grammar errors. There are at least two complex sentences.	There are several spelling or grammar errors. There are one or two complex sentences.	There are significant spelling and/or grammar errors. There is one or no complex sentences.

Your Article Score: _____/16

Group Newspaper Checklist & Scoring Guide Continued:

_____ Newspaper has a **nameplate**. (This is the name that appears at the top of the paper.) (3 pts)

_____ Newspaper has a **dateline** under the nameplate. (2 pts)

_____ Each article has a **byline** (author's name). (3 pts)

_____ At least one **image** on the front that includes a **caption**. (4 pts)

_____ Your newspaper contains an advertisement for a product that was available during the Depression Era (1929 – 1939). Advertisement contains **product name, description, price, and picture**. (12 points)

_____ Your newspaper contains a **crossword puzzle** that contains **at least 5 words** that are **related to the Great Depression**. (10 points)

Total _____/34

Your Final Score: _____/50