

# News Projects

## PROJECT 1: Newspaper FRONT PAGE

Length: 1 week (Sunday-Saturday)

1. Read the FRONT PAGE of the newspaper from Sunday - Saturday

2. Summarize, briefly (paragraph), the news in the article

3. Classify as...

A. NATIONAL

INTERNATIONAL

LOCAL

...then...

B. HUMAN INTEREST

ECONOMY

GOVERNMENT

CRIME

Other?

4. On Monday of the following week...

A. Generate a CHART:

a. List the subject covered

(all subjects..2 articles on the same new item = 1 'subject')

b. Note how many days it appear on the front page

c. One sentence summary of each subject/article

B. Subject Summary

a. Write a paragraph about each subject with start-finish information

b. Note if the subject is 'closed' or 'ongoing' past this week

C. EVALUATION

Write about 2 paragraphs with your conclusions, including...

a. Does the newspaper emphasize one area (#3A/B) more?

b. Do you think they overemphasized something that really was not important?

c. Did what you learn impact your life in any way?

## PROJECT 2: Local TV News

Length: 1 week (Monday-Friday)

1. Listen to the Local News Monday-Friday for the first 8 minutes  
\* (CONSISTENT time (12 noon or 6pm) and News Channel)

2. Summarize, briefly (paragraph), the news reported\*\*  
\*\*\* Have a notepad...you MUST TAKE NOTES!

3. Classify as...

A. NATIONAL

INTERNATIONAL

LOCAL

...then...

B. HUMAN INTEREST

ECONOMY

GOVERNMENT

CRIME

Other?

4. On Monday of the following week...

A. Generate a CHART:

a. List the subject covered

(all subjects..2 articles on the same new item = 1 'subject')

b. Note how many days the same story was covered

c. One sentence summary of each subject/article

B. Subject Summary

a. Write a paragraph about each subject with start-finish information

b. Note if the subject is 'closed' or 'ongoing' past this week

C. EVALUATION

Write about 2 paragraphs with your conclusions, including...

a. Does the news emphasize one area (#3A/B) more?

b. Do you think they overemphasized something that really was not important?

c. Did what you learn impact your life in any way?

## PROJECT 3: HEADLINE TV News

Length: 1 week (Monday-Friday)

1. Listen to the Local News Monday-Friday for the first 8 minutes  
\* (CONSISTENT time of day)

2. Summarize, briefly (paragraph), the news reported\*\*  
\*\*\* Have a notepad...you MUST TAKE NOTES!

3. Classify as...

A. NATIONAL

INTERNATIONAL

...then...

B. HUMAN INTEREST

ECONOMY

GOVERNMENT

CRIME

Other?

4. On Monday of the following week...

A. Generate a CHART:

a. List the subject covered

(all subjects..2 articles on the same new item = 1 'subject')

b. Note how many days the same story was covered

c. One sentence summary of each subject/article

B. Subject Summary

a. Write a paragraph about each subject with start-finish information

b. Note if the subject is 'closed' or 'ongoing' past this week

C. EVALUATION

Write about 2 paragraphs with your conclusions, including...

a. Does the news emphasize one area (#3A/B) more?

b. Do you think they overemphasized something that really was not important?

c. Did what you learn impact your life in any way?