

EDITORIALS

Editorials are essay type writings that give a clear explanation of your opinion on a current event topic. It is a statement of the writer’s (your) opinion. An editorial is not a summary of the topic. You must have an introduction paragraph; next present your points of opinion (at least two to three opinion paragraphs) with supporting information; and finish your paper with a conclusion paragraph. Writing an editorial will help develop your own opinion and be able to state what you believe or feel about a certain issue. This is not written as if it is a conversation.

You may collect your information and articles from newspapers; magazines or Internet (only two of the eight editorial articles may come from the Internet). Internet articles must come from reputable sources (Wall Street Journal, Houston Chronicle, etc.) Please make sure you do not choose editorials for your articles. You must read and use two sources about the same topic. You will need to cut out the articles in the newspaper or magazine or Xerox them along with the title and date of the newspaper or magazine. You must include the original name and date of the newspaper or magazine with your article and also, the web address on an Internet article. Handwritten or typed name and date information will not be allowed. You will need to collect the information needed for a works cited page. All articles must come from 2010 or 2011 sources.

Your paper must be typed, it must be a minimum of one full page (Honors Classes—minimum 1 ½ pages), double-spaced, use only 12 pt. Times New Roman font. Good grammar and writing form is expected as well as correct spelling. Use MLA format for works cited when using quotations. Remember to cut out articles neatly. Also, reread and correct your paper before turning it in. Indent your paragraphs. The editorial must be bound; clean folders with brads only. Mount your articles on a construction paper or cardstock page, one article per page. Make sure these cardstock pages are 8 ½” by 11”. The information must be presented in the following order:

- Title Page (Format below)**
- Editorial**
- Works Cited (This is a separate page; refer to your form sheet.)**
- Articles (Two)**

Title Page: (Double-spaced; MLA Format)

Title

Name

Mrs. Maxey

Course, Period

Date

DUE DATES:

1ST NINE WEEKS: National

3RD NINE WEEKS: National

2ND NINE WEEKS: International

4TH NINE WEEKS: International

EDITORIAL ASSESSMENT

TITLE PAGE: 5 POINTS

**TITLE
NAME
TEACHER
COURSE, PERIOD
DATE**

WORKS CITED PAGE: 10 POINTS

**TITLE
CORRECT FORMAT**

LENGTH & ORDER: 10 POINTS

**TYPED: ONE FULL PAGE (Honors—1 ½ pages)
CORRECT ORDER (TITLE PAGE, EDITORIAL, WORKS
CITED, TWO ARTICLES)**

NEATNESS: 10 POINTS

**ARTICLES CUT NEATLY
PLACEMENT OF ARTICLES ON PAGE
EDITORIAL IS BOUND**

SPELLING, GRAMMAR, PUNCTUATION: 10 POINTS

ARTICLES: 2 ARTICLES: 5 POINTS/ARTICLE 10 POINTS TOTAL

**SOURCE INFORMATION
DATE INFORMATION
MOUNTED ONE PER PAGE**

OPINION: 45 POINTS

**INTRODUCTION: 10 POINTS
OPINION: 25 POINTS
CONCLUSION: 10 POINTS**

**WORKS CITED
(FORMATS MOST OFTEN USED)**

MAGAZINES:

ONE AUTHOR:

Tully, Shawn. "The Universal Teenager." Fortune 4 Apr. 1994: 14-16.

NO AUTHOR:

"Crafts Fair Showcases Women." Entrepreneur May 1995: 23.

TWO AUTHORS:

Murr, Andrew and Peter Lawrence. "The High Cost of Defense." Newsweek 21 Mar. 1994: 70.

NEWSPAPERS:

ONE AUTHOR:

Bleakley, Fred R. "Companies' Profits Grew 48% Despite Economy." Wall Street Journal 1 May 1995, sec. 3:21.

NO AUTHOR:

"African Roots of American Music Traced at Westchester College." Washington Post 29 Jan. 1994, sec. 1:16.

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MAGAZINE OR NEWSPAPER:

Bowker, Samuel T. "Cyberspace: Debate on Research Use." Annapolis Reporter (3 July 1992): n.pag. On-line. Internet. 5 Oct. 1996. <WWW:http://www.ppc.new.edu/home/stb/com>.

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