Magazine Project:  
**The Hard News Article**

“[The whole idea of television news or any kind of news is to inform people about things they need to know about.](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/t/tedturner586459.html)”

*---*[*Ted Turner*](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/t/ted_turner.html)*, Founder of CNN*

**Driving Question:**

*How can we tell informative, relevant news stories to an audience while using proper journalistic form and maintaining journalistic neutrality?*

**Overview**:  
 Students will find a current, interesting issue to investigate and report on in the Hawthorne/El Segundo community. The article will be written from a neutral stand point, and should be merely to inform. Students will be taking on the role of an investigative journalist, and will have to find two credible sources to interview about the topic at hand. Students will also need to go to other news sources in order to research background information. This issue may or may not be related to the subject of the students’ individual Senior Projects.  
 **Your goal is to write a 500 word news article inspired by a current, significant event of your choosing. The article should be designed to look like it would belong in a newspaper or magazine, including all of the relevant parts of an article and using appropriate formatting.**

**Requirements:**

**Content requirements:**

* Quotations from at least 2 credible, relevant sources
* **An eye-catching headline and a byline**
* **A strong Lead Paragraph that answers all Five W’s**
* A bibliography of at least 5 sources included with submission of article   
  (*will not be printed in magazine*)

**Form requirements:**

* Article must be between 300 and 500 words
* Strong usage of the Inverted Pyramid structure
* Relevant and complete senses of explanation, amplification, and background information
* **Maintaining a neutral position on the subject**
* **Implementation of the AP Style Rules**

**Dates:**

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| **Period 5/7 & 9/11** | **Period 2/4 & 6/8** |
| **Hard News article due: *March 13th*** | **Hard News article due: *March 13th*** |
| *Feature News article due: March 18th* | *Feature News article due: March 19th* |
| *Satire article due: March 23rd* | *Satire article due: March 24th* |
| *Magazine Due: March 27th* | *Magazine Due: March 27th* |

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Answer these prompts to help you structure your article:**

**What event are you going to write about in your article?  
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**List the five W’s of your event:  
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**Write down three headlines that you could use for your article.  
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**What are five facts and/or interview sources that you hope to explore/include?  
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