

Journalism Merit Badge Worksheet

Requirement 1

Using the spaces below write stories covering satisfactorily the following assignments, demonstrating that you know the principles of good news writing including the elements of a good lead paragraph:



A News Incident

A Routine Club or Society Meeting

Scout Name _____ Unit # _____ Date _____

A Lecture, Sermon, or Political Address

Requirement 2

Using the spaces below, write:

An Editorial

Scout Name _____ Unit # _____ Date _____

A Feature or Human Interest Story

Review of a Play, a Motion Picture, a Concert, or a Book

Requirement 3

Explain how the articles in Requirement Numbers 1 and 2 differ:

- Secure the publication of at least one of these articles in a Scouting, school, or local paper.

Name of the Publication: _____

Date of Publication: _____

- Attach a cut out of the published article.

Requirement 4

Prepare a simple set of headline styles which will serve all needs of a small newspaper, indicating type size and approximate count for each. Attach your headlines below:

Requirement 5

Present photographic or cartoon copy or the suggestion for such copy, as an illustration for a news story, and write the caption of it. Attach your photo or draw your cartoon below:

Requirement 6

Read and correct proof, using the conventional proofreader's marks on manuscript of at least two typewritten pages furnished by your Counselor.

- Attach the typewritten pages you have correct proof.

Requirement 7

Show that you know what is meant by the following terms:

- point _____
- pica _____
- face _____
- case linotype _____
- hand set _____
- gallery proof _____
- halftone _____
- electrotype _____
- screen _____
- stereotype _____
- mat _____

Requirement 8

Do the following:

Explain the steps necessary to copyright a book, magazine, or newspaper; tell what rights are granted by a copy, for what period.

Explain what is meant by freedom of the press and why we have libel laws. Tell what plagiarism is.

Requirement 9

Prepare a dummy for the printer of an 8-page newspaper or magazine, including the placing of different size advertisements to cover the equivalent of two pages.

Name of Printer: _____

Name of Person at Printer: _____

Signature of Printer that Dummy was done to their satisfaction

Signature of Counselor

Scout Name _____ Unit # _____ Date _____

Requirement 10

Explain the process of preparing a modern newspaper for publication, demonstrating a satisfactory knowledge of the various departments and executives and their functions.

Explain the importance of the deadline.

Requirement 11

Have contributed as a reporter, or as editor or member of the editorial or business staff (either voluntary or paid) on a newspaper or a local Council, Troop, school, trade, farm, or club publication for at least four issues.

1. Date of publication: _____ Name of publication: _____
2. Date of publication: _____ Name of publication: _____
3. Date of publication: _____ Name of publication: _____
4. Date of publication: _____ Name of publication: _____

Optional

5. Date of publication: _____ Name of publication: _____
6. Date of publication: _____ Name of publication: _____
7. Date of publication: _____ Name of publication: _____
8. Date of publication: _____ Name of publication: _____
9. Date of publication: _____ Name of publication: _____
10. Date of publication: _____ Name of publication: _____

Requirement 12

Present a scrapbook including unpublished copy as well as clippings of published material filed under date and place of publication.

Show your scrapbook to your counselor and have him sign here:

Counselor's Signature and Date