

# NewSheet

To Keep Us Current and Force a Little Pre-Writing  
30-40 minutes (at least four times a week)

List your news source for this particular sheet:

(You should use general sources—nightly news, radio news, or the newspaper (other than classroom editions but can occasionally use a specialized news source—like Sports Center, E News/ET, Tech News, Business Reports, political discussion groups, or even the Daily Show)

Directions:

For Newspapers: scan the Entire paper; list the headlines you find most interesting; read the leads (1st paragraphs) of each, and finish three articles minimum. Record the ones you did finish.

When listening to the radio or watching the news, record each story and comment on the three that interest you most.

## **Stories/Articles that most interest you and some details about them:**

Obama wants to reform common-sense

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/01/29/obama-immigration-speech\\_n\\_2575727.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/01/29/obama-immigration-speech_n_2575727.html)

Student compliance or empowerment? Because we can apparently only choose one

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/catherine-gobron/we-value-student-compliance\\_b\\_2577661.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/catherine-gobron/we-value-student-compliance_b_2577661.html)

Can we do something with those CAPTCHA puzzles?

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/01/29/ticketmaster-captcha-puzzles-made-easier\\_n\\_2577664.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/01/29/ticketmaster-captcha-puzzles-made-easier_n_2577664.html)

Obama to redecorate White House, Hires REI executive

[Obama Chooses REI Executive to Lead Interior Dept. - New York Times](#)

Give me money or I'll shoot!... These trees

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/02/07/ecuador-give-me-money-or-\\_n\\_2638293.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/02/07/ecuador-give-me-money-or-_n_2638293.html)

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Now on the back of this page, do some Pre-writing (free-writing, brainstorming, asking questions, create a web)

**Pre-write here:**

Obama Fed Up With White House Paintings: Puts Add On Craigslist For Interior Decorator

Spring will come early to the White House as President Barack Obama prepares to start cleaning. The President has hired interior decorator Sally Jewell, from Recreational Equipment Incorporated (REI), to help spruce the place up. Sally became an official member of Team Obama this past weekend as The Big Man decided he needed to update his cabinet. An undisclosed secret service member reported that the cabinet is really old and the white paint bothered her. She also mentioned that it felt too masculine.

When asked about the situation of the White House, Obama had this to say, "the paintings of all the old presidents are tacky now. Plus, you have to sit around for HOURS while the artist works. I should know, this is my second term after all. As the new Department of Interior Secretary, the toughest part of Sally Jewell's job will be sitting behind a desk all day."

Jewell's new job will include tasks such as comparing various shades of white, checking the local thrift stores for trendy furniture and blogging on tumblr to keep up on the latest interior design trends. She worked at local REI superstore in Kent, Washington since 2005. As manager and floor-front leader Sandy helped the Obama's decorate their winter home two years ago. She's outgoing and outdoorsy, enjoying time outdoors biking, skiing and rock climbing.

"I eagerly look forward to starting my position at the White House. Some miscellaneous color-matched home décor knick-knacks would make the place much more homey," said Sandy, later adding, "People say there isn't much you can do with white, but not me. I have a slew of ideas already. President Obama hired me for a reason, after all."

Obama couldn't help but chime in, "We're considering painting the whole building a different shade of white or even a different color entirely. Now is the time for change." Then an idea struck him, "Oooh, maybe we should build a new modernist wing on the east side! Michelle would love that. It would be a great Valentine's Day surprise."

With current Department of Interior Secretary Ken Salazar resigning in early March, expect to see renovations occurring throughout the spring and into summer months. The Smithsonian Museum is considering hosting a special exhibit on the changes. Details to follow soon.

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Fake headlines, article/story ideas to share:

- Obama Seeking To Reform "Common Sense"
- Obama Fed Up With White House Paintings Puts Add On Craigslist For Interior Decorator
- Cops At Standoff With Man Threatening To Shoot Trees

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Idea(s) you want to develop into a piece for *The Leek*:

Continued work on Robocolypse's Rent-A-Robot for Valentine's Day