



Weekly Lesson Plans



Course: Journalism 1

Period: 3rd

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Why is this course important?

Reporting truth accurately demands precision and practice and requires integrity.

Link to Course Syllabus

[Syllabus](#)

Link to Course Standards

[SCCR Standards](#)

Quarter 1		Quarter 2	
Week 1 Aug. 11-14	Week 6 Sep. 14 - 18	Week 11 Oct. 19 - 23	Week 16 Nov. 23 - 27
Week 2 Aug. 17-21	Week 7 Sep. 21 - 25	Week 12 Oct. 26 - 30	Week 17 Nov. 30 - Dec. 4
Week 3 Aug. 24-28	Week 8 Sep. 28 - Oct. 2	Week 13 Nov. 2 - 6	Week 18 Dec. 7 - 11
Week 4 Aug. 31 - Sep. 4	Week 9 Oct. 5 - 9	Week 14 Nov. 9 - 13	Week 19 Dec. 14 - 18
Week 5 Sep. 7-11	Week 10 Oct. 12 - 16	Week 15 Nov. 16 - 20	

Week: Aug. 11-14

Unit(s): Intro to Journalism

	Monday	Tuesday First Day of School!	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Agenda		Intro/Syllabus/ Policies/ Procedures/ MHS Slides Icebreaker: Scavenger Hunt Introduce Yourself One-Pagers Pick up Chromebooks	MHS Slides Quick Write How to take Notes Mini-lesson What is news? Notes Intro One Pagers	MHS Slides News vignette (newsworthiness focus) Ethics notes and discussion Introduce Research Project	Quick Write Research Notes (TA/CB) MLA Practice (TA) Begin Research Project
Work to Submit		Scavenger hunt sheets	Intro One-Pager What is news? Notes (Composition Book- CB)	Ethics notes (CB)	Research Notes (CB) MLA Practice Weekly Quick Writes
Learning Target		SWBAT: understand the basic requirements and expectations for Journalism 1 by reading the syllabus and asking questions and begin interacting with classmates.	SWBAT: use note-taking strategies to identify what makes an event newsworthy by comparing examples and real-life events.	SWBAT: explain the import of ethics in journalism by applying ethical decision-making to hypothetical scenarios.	SWBAT: Find good sources using sound research methods, and practice citing sources accurately.

ELA.E2.OE.4 Collaborate with others and use active listening skills.

ELA.R.1: Use critical thinking skills to investigate, evaluate, and synthesize a variety of sources to obtain and refine knowledge.

Week: Aug. 17-21

Unit(s): Journalism Basics

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Agenda	Quick Write Quiz (Ethics, Research, Newsworthiness) Research Project (TA)	News Vignette First Amendment, and News Gathering Notes (CB) Research Project (TA)	Quick Write Libel vs. Slander, and Plagiarism Notes (CB) Research Project (TA)	News vignette (bias focus) News bias worksheet Research Project DUE	Quick Write Project Presentations!
Work to Submit	Quiz	First Amendment, and News Gathering Notes (CB)	Libel vs. Slander, and Plagiarism Notes (CB)	Research Project News bias worksheet	Weekly Quick Writes (CB)
Learning Target	SWBAT: Practice sound journalistic research principles as they research information for their historical research project.	SWBAT: Understand and describe how the First Amendment applies to journalistic practice through discussion and guided notes.	SWBAT: Identify the difference between slander and libel in real-life examples, and engage in a discussion on issues related to plagiarism.	SWBAT: Identify and analyze examples of news bias in real -life headlines.	SWBAT: Clearly and accurately present research on a historic journalistic topic through a creative presentation.

Standards
for the Week

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ELA.R.1: Use critical thinking skills to investigate, evaluate, and synthesize a variety of sources to obtain and refine knowledge.

Week: Aug. 24 - 28

Unit(s):

Agenda

Work
to Submit

Learning
Target

Monday
School Holiday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Standards
for the Week

Week: Aug. 31 - Sep. 4	Unit(s):
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Agenda Work to Submit Learning Target	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Standards for the Week	
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Week: Sep. 7-11	Unit(s):
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Agenda Work to Submit Learning Target	Holiday - Labor Day				
					

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Week: Sep. 14 - 18	Unit(s):
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Agenda					
Work to Submit					
Learning Target					

Standards for the Week	
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Week: Sep. 21 - 25	Unit(s):
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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Agenda					

Work
to Submit

Learning
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Standards
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Week: Sep. 28 - Oct. 2	Unit(s):
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Agenda

Work
to Submit

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Learning
Target

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Standards
for the Week

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Week: Oct. 5 -9

Unit(s):

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Work
to Submit

Learning
Target

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Standards
for the Week

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Week: Oct. 12 - 16

Unit(s):

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Work
to Submit

Learning
Target

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday End of Quarter	Friday Teacher Workday

Standards
for the Week

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Week: Oct. 19 - 23

Unit(s):

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Work
to Submit

Learning
Target

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Standards
for the Week

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Week: Oct. 26 - 30

Unit(s):

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to Submit

Learning
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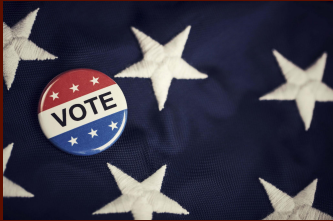
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Standards
for the Week

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Week: Nov. 2 - 6

Unit(s):

	Monday Teacher Workday	Tuesday Election Day	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Agenda					
Work to Submit					
Learning Target					

Standards
for the Week

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Week: Nov. 9 - 13

Unit(s):

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Work
to Submit

Learning
Target

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Standards
for the Week

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Week: Nov. 16 - 20

Unit(s):

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Work
to Submit

Learning
Target

Standards
for the Week

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Week: Nov. 23 - 27

Unit(s):

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

		Thanksgiving Break	Thanksgiving Break	Thanksgiving Break
Agenda				
Work to Submit				
Learning Target				

Standards for the Week	
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Week: Nov. 30 - Dec. 4

Unit(s):

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Agenda					
Work to Submit					
Learning Target					

Standards for the Week	
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Week: Dec. 7 - 11	Unit(s):
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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Agenda					

Work
to Submit

Learning
Target

Standards
for the Week

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Week: Dec. 14 - 18

Unit(s):

Agenda

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday End of Quarter

Work
to Submit

Learning
Target

Standards
for the Week

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Happy Winter
Break!
December 21,
2026 - January 1,
2027

