

**Grade 8 Language Arts**

**To Kill a Mockingbird newspaper assignment**

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The assignment attached is a project and will take **SEVERAL DAYS TO COMPLETE.**

**Please read the attached sheet that describes the assignment, Maycomb County Newspaper.**

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*To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

### **Maycomb County Newspaper Assignment**

**Directions:** Create a newspaper that covers all the major and minor happenings and/or events in Maycomb County. You should include articles from several different characters in the book. You may also include writings that discuss larger context and historical events that may have been going on during the late 1930s.

#### **You must include:**

- 5-7 thorough articles (no longer than one page)
- Headlines and pictures, presented in the format of a newspaper. (see links below for templates)
- A creative name for your newspaper.

**You may create your own newspaper template, but below are some links for templates ready for use on Google Docs:**

- [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1U2Og2lTsJdvDUoFEWQgxOogyuSgZ9il91BegEbv596w/edit#slide=id.g12d28c5751\\_0\\_18](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1U2Og2lTsJdvDUoFEWQgxOogyuSgZ9il91BegEbv596w/edit#slide=id.g12d28c5751_0_18)
- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1r5Q3dkvisg6lPUkjzIDNKiPWfErbbcjIh40bdhBgS6E/edit>

#### **Some suggestions for articles include:**

- An op-ed about the trial
- An article about Boo Radley
- An Ask Maudie (or other character) column
- An interview article
- A word search or crossword puzzle
- A comic strip or a political cartoon

*It's your newspaper, so be creative as possible!*

## Newspaper Planning Sheet (to be turned in)

**Group members:**

**Name of Newspaper:**

**DIRECTIONS:** Below, provide the headline and a brief summary of each article

<b>Article #1</b> Author:  Perspective:	Headline:
	Summary:
<b>Article #2</b> Author:  Perspective:	Headline:
	Summary:
<b>Article #3</b> Author:  Perspective:	Headline:
	Summary:
<b>Article #4</b> Author:  Perspective:	Headline:
	Summary:
<b>Article #5</b> Author:  Perspective:	Headline:
	Summary:
<b>Article #6</b> Author:  Perspective:	Headline:
	Summary:
<b>Article #7</b> Author:  Perspective:	Headline:
	Summary:
<b>Graphics/images</b> <i>(describe what images you will use)</i>	

## Rubric

Newspaper layout is neat, organized, and easy to read. Appropriate graphics are included	Newspaper layout is neat, organized, and easy to read. Some graphics are included	Newspaper layout is neat, organized, and easy to read. Few graphics are included	Newspaper layout is neat, organized, and easy to read. Little or no graphics are included
Little to no (1-3) grammar and spelling mistakes.	Few (4-6) grammar and spelling mistakes.	Many (7-8) grammar and spelling mistakes.	Abundance (9+) of grammar and spelling mistakes; obvious lack of proofreading
Article topics are interesting, informative, and show a range of perspectives. Time period is accurately depicted.	Article topics are moderately interesting, informative, and show few perspectives. Time period is depicted.	Article topics are somewhat interesting, informative, and show little range in perspectives. Time period is barely depicted or has historical inaccuracies.	Article topics reveal lack of research or knowledge of historical time period and show no perspectives.
Newspaper is an excellent compilation of articles, stories, editorials, graphics, etc. The work submitted by group represents work from ALL group members.	Newspaper is a good compilation of articles, stories, editorials, graphics, etc. The work submitted by group represents work from 3 group members.	Newspaper is a fair compilation of articles, stories, editorials, graphics, etc. The work submitted by group represents work from only 2 group members.	Newspaper is a poor compilation of articles, stories, editorials, graphics, etc. The work submitted by group represents work from only 1 group member.
Newspaper is a superb example of creativity and neatness. It appears authentic.	Newspaper is a good example of creativity and neatness. It appears authentic.	Newspaper is a fair example of creativity and neatness. It appears authentic.	Newspaper is a poor example of creativity and neatness. It appears authentic.

Total points \_\_\_\_\_/100