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**Newspaper Project – Book Analysis**

**What is it?**  The Newspaper Project is a single-page response to your reading that connects the ideas in the book to your thoughts creatively. The purpose of the project is so that your audience will understand the big ideas, themes, and connections within the book. This will be your final assessment over *The Hobbit.*

* All of this must be done on an 8 ½ by 11 blank piece of computer paper.
* This assignment is worth 100 points.
* Below is a breakdown of the assignment with point values

**Must do:**

1. **Title and Image (5 Points)**
   * Create a title for your newspaper.
   * Include an image that reflects the novel or a theme from the novel.
2. **One Headline Article - 200 word minimum (20 points)**
   * Headlines are meant to do two things: draw attention to the story through eye-catching language and to summarize the main point of the story.
   * All headlines need a present tense verb.
   * Headlines should also give the reader some basic information. Think 5 W’s and 1H (who, what, when, where, why, and how) and choose the most important ones.
   * Should include quotes from the novel from at least two characters “interviewed.”
3. **An Additional News Story - 150 word minimum (10 points)**
   * Choose another **important event that happened in the novel**.
   * Write a “National” or World” news article that gives details of that event.
   * Like your headline article, include the 5 Ws and 1 H.
4. **One Editorial Article - 100 word minimum (10 points)**
   * An editorial is an article that presents a writer’s opinion on an issue. Much in the same manner of a lawyer, editorial writers build on an argument and try to persuade readers to think the same way they do.
   * Editorials are meant to influence public opinion, promote critical thinking, and sometimes cause people to take action on an issue.
   * In essence, an editorial is an opinionated news story where the writer presents his/her side cohesively and persuasively.
5. **Two Pictures (5 points)**
   * Find or draw two interesting pictures to go with your articles.
6. **Grammar, spelling, and mechanics (5 points)** 
   * There are little to no problems with grammar, spelling, mechanics.
7. **Be colorful and neat. (5 points)** 
   * Your entire page should be filled with these elements.
   * If you find you have extra room, repeat any of the above steps/ elements.
   * No space should be blank.
   * Nothing should be left in pencil.
   * Your name and class period should be on the BACK of the paper.
8. **Presentation of Project (10 points)**

**You pick 2 from the following list.**

1. **Personality Profile (15 points)**
   1. A human-interest story about a person who deserves recognition for something he/she did.
   2. Choose a character OTHER THAN BILBO, GANDALF OR THORIN and write about them and something significant they did that affected the plot or showed a theme in the novel.
   3. Eg: Elrond, Beorn, etc.
2. **Dear Abby section (15 points)**
   1. An advice column, including at least one letter asking a question related to the novel and or one of its themes and a response from the “advice columnist.”
3. **Letter to the Editor (15 points)**
   1. Choose a minor character and write a letter to the editor of your newspaper in your character’s voice. You’d need to choose an event from the novel that prompts you to write.
   2. Most people write letters to the editor when they have a problem with an issue that affects the community or when they want to praise the efforts of a community member.
   3. Letters to the editor express the writer’s opinion.
4. **Obituaries (15 points)**
   1. Choose 2 characters in the novel who die (Fili, Kili, Thorin, etc.) and write their obituaries.
   2. Obituaries typically include: where and when they were born, where and when they died, who they leave behind (family and friends), and something (from the novel) they will be remembered for.
5. **Comic Strip (Only choose this option if you have the skill to do it) (15 points)**
   1. Choose a theme from the novel and create a clever comic that illustrates the theme in a humorous way.
   2. Must be at least 4 frames in length.

**Extra credit (up to 5 points)**: Pick an additional item from the list of five for up to five points of extra credit.

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| **Suggested events from the novel for your scenes** (you may use any significant event from the novel) | |
| The Trolls | The Spiders |
| The Wood Elves / Barrels | Bilbo meets Smaug |
| The Battle of the Five Armies | Bilbo meets Gollum |