



Newspaper Book Report

This book report will be completed in the format of a newspaper. Use the following requirements to design and lay out your newspaper. Place the articles and features where you think they will fit best. Check off each requirement as it is completed.

The written sections may be completed using Microsoft Word or by hand. The pictures can be drawn and colored or printed out from the computer. You can mount the sections on tagboard or construction paper. If you are computer savvy, you may wish to complete the entire project on the computer.

Requirements: You must have each of the following sections in your newspaper.

- Title/Name of Newspaper – it can be related to the book, your name, the name of the school...

Articles

- Summary** – Write a summary of the plot that will answer who, what, when, where, and why. This article should be 2 – 3 paragraphs only. Create a catchy headline for the article. Be sure to include the title of the book somewhere in the summary or the headline.
- Character Profile** – Select a character from the book. Write an article that describes this character, including what he/she did and any interesting things about the character. Create a catchy headline and draw a picture that accompanies the article.
- “Wanted” Ad** – Write an article that alerts the public about the danger of one of the characters in the book. Include a drawing of the character, a physical description, the character’s misdeeds, other information that is important, and the reward offered for his/her capture.

Features

- Advice Column** – Pretend the main character wrote a short letter to a newspaper advice columnist seeking help with a major problem that he/she faces in the story. Create an assumed name for the character to use in his/her letter. Then, write a response from the columnist that reflects how the problem was solved.

- Editorial** – Choose an issue related to your book and think about your opinion. Write a letter to the editor describing how you feel about the issue. Think carefully and honestly about what you want to say. Create a headline for the editorial.
- Book Review** – Write a review for the book you read. Explain what you liked and/or disliked about the book and support it with examples from the book. To whom would you recommend this book and why? Create a headline for the review.
- Comics** – Design a single comic or comic strip that illustrates something funny relating to the story. Create a title and include captions or speech bubbles that explain what’s happening.

Fillers: All the space in your newspaper should be filled. Choose at least two of these options to include in your newspaper. Be creative when filling up the white space. Make sure these relate to the story.

- Advertisements** – Based on something that was included in the story.
- Crossword Puzzle** – Use words and/or events that are part of the story.
- Obituary (Death Notice)** – Can be for a character that did/did not die in the story.
- Sports** – Use if there were any sporting events that were part of the story.
- Travel News** – Based on the setting or a location that was mentioned
- Classified Ads** - Can be “help-wanted” ad or an ad for an object that a character wants or wants to sell
- Lost and Found** – Based on something that was lost as part of the story
- Weather** – Describe the weather for a period of time that is important in the story.