

ANG-5106-2 Current Events

Project one

News reporting: Objective or Subjective?



- A) Watch a film about reporters and current events and take notes, using the rubric below. Discuss your observations and conclusions about the film with your partner or teacher.
- One suggestion is ***All the Presidents Men*** about the Watergate scandal, that led to the resignation of the President of the United States in 1974.
 - Another film is ***Spotlight*** which deals with newspaper reports of a scandal in the Roman Catholic church in Boston.

Name of film	
Summary of the film	
Setting (Time and place)	
Opening situation	
Main conflict	
Principle events	
Conclusion	
Message of the film	
What did you learn about journalism and journalists?	

B) To complete this task, you can work alone or with a partner.



If you are working alone :

- Choose a recent news event. You may choose various types of events: politics, environment, international, education, etc...
- Find two articles about the same event, from two different sources. You should choose two news sources with different ideologies, such as the Toronto Star and the Toronto Sun in Canada or The New York Times and the New York Post in the United States.
- Using a graphic organizer, form an outline and summary of each report and then compare the two reports.
- Using the notes in your rubric, discuss the differences (and similarities) in the two reports with your teacher.



If you are working with a partner :

- Together, choose a recent news story. You may choose various types of events: politics, environment, international, education, etc... Each partner is then responsible for finding a separate article about the same event. You and your partner should choose two news sources with different ideologies, such as the Toronto Star and the Toronto Sun in Canada or The New York Times and the New York Post in the United States.
- Using a graphic organizer, each of you should form an outline and summary of your article.
- Using the notes in your rubric, discuss the differences (and similarities) in the two reports with your partner.

News source (newspaper, television station, etc...)		
News Event		
Title of report (and byline)		
Introductory sentence (lead/lede)		
Summary of intro (5 w's)		
Body of report (details of story- minimum 4 facts + 1 quote, if possible)		
Conclusion		
What differences did you observe in how each news source reported this event?		
What conclusions can you make about the ideology or opinions of the readers of each news source?		

POSSIBLE NEWS SOURCES:

LIBERAL (DEMOCRATIC)	
<p>CBC news: http://www.cbc.ca/news</p> 	<p>Toronto Star: https://www.thestar.com/</p> 
<p>NPR: (American news site) https://www.npr.org/sections/news/</p> 	<p>BBC: (British news site) http://www.bbc.com/news</p> 
<p>New York Times : https://www.nytimes.com/</p> 	
<p>Alternative news sites: https://eluxemagazine.com/magazine/honest-news-sites/</p> 	<p>Reuters: (neutral international news site) https://www.reuters.com/</p> 
CONSERVATIVE (REPUBLICAN)	
<p>Toronto Sun : (Canadian newspaper) http://torontosun.com/</p> 	<p>National Post : (Canadian newspaper) http://nationalpost.com/</p> 
<p>The Washington Times : (US newspaper) https://www.washingtontimes.com/</p> 	<p>The New York Post: (US newspaper) https://nypost.com/news/</p> 