

Historical Fiction

Extra! Extra!

For this project, you will create the front page of a newspaper with two articles based on your historical fiction book. You will report one event that happened in the story and one event that you've made up.

Materials:

1. lined paper
2. 12 X 18 inch white construction paper or poster-board
3. colored pencils

DUE DATES
Book Approved
Book Finished
Rough Draft Due
Project Due

Directions:

1. Find a historical fiction book that interests you and is at an appropriate reading level for you. Have your book approved by your teacher.

Book Title: _____
Author: _____

2. Think about the interesting events in the story. Choose one on which to base your article. To get started, answer the following questions about the event.

Who? _____

What? _____

Where? _____

When? _____

Why? _____

3. On a separate sheet of paper, write a rough draft of your article. Give your article a headline.

4. Think of an exciting event that could have happened in the book but did not. Your event could take place at any point in the story and should include actual characters and places from the book. Answer the following questions about your made-up event.

Who? _____

What? _____

Where? _____

When? _____

Why? _____

5. On a separate sheet of paper, write a rough draft of your article. Give your article a headline.

6. Read your articles and edit and revise them to make your writing stronger and more interesting.

7. Design the front page of a newspaper. Sketch it on scrap paper or use the template provided. Think of a title for your newspaper that relates to your book. Then, neatly copy each article onto the page or type, cut, and paste. Draw a picture to illustrate one of the articles and write a caption beneath it (a sentence that describes the picture).

8. Include your name as a by line for each article, and be sure to include the title and author of your book somewhere on your front page.