

Assignment # 3 : Mr. Smith

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Mr. Smith has just awakened from a 30-year coma. Please make him well informed of what is currently happening in world.
(Within the last month)

- Choose 3 International, 3 National and 3 Local CURRENT news articles that you think Mr. Smith needs to read. Your Articles cannot be dated earlier than 1/1/21.
- For each article, give an explanation as to why you chose it. Why is it important for Mr. Smith to know this information? Your explanation should include news drivers and what verses need.
- Be sure to include each article's title, publication site, author, and publication date.
- Avoid articles with blurred lines, unless you feel the information is truly imperative to Mr. Smith's understanding of the world.

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Assignment #4: The Power of Images in the News

Due Date: _____

1. Go to www.newseum.com and click on "Today's Front Pages"
2. Choose THREE newspapers and examine the picture/s used on the front pages
3. Offer an analysis of the pictures: you *do not* have to type this, but your handwriting must be neat and legible. Include the following in your analysis:
 - Identify the newspaper and its publication date
 - Provide the headline/s of the article/s that corresponds to the front page picture/s
 - Describe the picture/s: size, color, content
 - Discuss how the photograph/s does or does not add to the understanding of the article. Remember: the purpose of news is to INFORM. Do the pictures you are evaluating INFORM the reader or add additional information for better understanding? Explain why or why not
 - Explain why you think the editors chose to include the picture and how the photograph demonstrates the power of images in the news

As stated above, you can handwrite the assignment; this way, you can address the questions as you are looking at the photographs. You do not need a formal composition; just address each question clearly and thoroughly.

If the front page of any of your selected newspapers has more than one photograph, answer the questions for each photograph on that page.

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Assignment #2: Universal News Drivers, Editorial and Audience Judgment, "Bad" News

For this assignment you will be discussing the aforementioned concepts as they apply to **three** newspaper front pages. Here are the details:

1. Go to newseum.org "Today's Front Pages"
2. Visit 3 front pages from the SAME state and SAME day
3. For EACH of those pages, write a paragraph that includes the following discussion of **each of the top stories** on that page (be sure to include the story titles!):
 - The main Universal News Driver and other secondary drivers, if applicable
 - An explanation as to whether the story is more Interesting or Important
 - Comments on editorial and audience judgment as those concepts apply to the story
 - Comments on how much bad news is reflected on the front page
4. In the concluding paragraph of your composition, offer your thoughts about the extent of the "Bad" news coverage on those front pages. Do you think the editors focused too much on bad news? Why or why not? Do you think there is too much focus on bad news in general? Why or why not?

Assignment 1

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1. Go to the website of the Committee to Protect Journalists at www.cpj.org
2. Go to the Countries and Regions tab at the top of the page.
3. Read stories from five different regions (but not North America). Make sure your articles are from the Countries and Regions tab of the site.

For the paper (two pages, 12 points font, one inch margins)

- The paper should have an introduction and conclusion
- Write a paragraph for each article.
- Give a brief summary of the article. (should only be about two or three sentences)
- Discuss how the article demonstrates the dangers journalists face as they try to uncover and reveal information and/or why governments/ groups want to suppress information and your own reaction to these dangers of suppression (about five sentences)

The purpose of this assignment is to give you a stronger understanding of the power of information and what happens when people/societies are denied access to that power. It will also give you a chance to examine the mission of journalists and journalism in general.