

Honors Journalism

COLUMN GRADE SHEET

Word count of 500-800 words: _____ 10 points

Journalistic grammar/conventions: _____ 30 points

- Short sentences and paragraphs
- Correct attribution style
- Transitions lead naturally to quotes
- Follows AP style

Column style _____ 50 points

- Tightly written
- Variety of sentence structure
- Tone matches topic
- Style does not overcome substance
- Avoids first person and second person when possible
- Shows evidence of good reporting
- Has a significant voice
- If appropriate, uses sensory and emotional detail and description: recreates scenes, captures details and uses quotes and dialogue judiciously

Compelling, relevant lead: _____ 10 points

Well-organized body: _____ 10 points

- Isn't a random list of events or ideas
- Has a clear point/angle

Logical, interesting ending: _____ 10 points

Total _____ **120 points**

