**Guentensberger/Shea |Humanities I**

**Renaissance**

**Renaissance Newspaper**

During the Renaissance, Johann Gutenberg developed the printing press which changed people’s access to information. People in towns are starting to read in the vernacular and share information.

Over the next several weeks, you will take information you receive from both a history perspective and literary perspective to create a newspaper from the Renaissance. This newspaper will include articles as outlined below and will be focused on culture (music, art literature, architecture, banking, commerce and politics).

You will need to carefully consider the audience and your purpose. Consider the times and the shift in thinking. People are beginning to question and seek answers that are more logical. Your articles should reflect what you know about this pivotal time.

This is a group project and everyone will have responsibilities to create articles and aspects of the paper.

* The bulk of your class time will be spent reading *Romeo and Juliet* and discussing the historical content.
* You will have some class time to work on this assignment in class – so make sure you have your materials each day. However, most of the project will require outside work, so use your time wisely.

**Timeline and Requirements:**

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| **Type of Entry** | **Requirements** |
| Two news articles | * Must address an event in history (1300-1500 CE) and contain historical facts from that period
* 150-250 words
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| Two advertisements | * Must be in color
* Must be historically accurate (i.e. not an Apple watch)
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| Two additional genres (please see attached list) | * One genre MUST be a **significant** writing assignment (letter, critique, etc.)
* 150-250 words
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| **Type of Entry** | **Requirements** |
| [Dear Abby](https://chicago.suntimes.com/lifestyles/dear-abby-husband-keeps-forgetting-gifts-for-his-parents/) Letters | * From the point of view of a character in *Romeo and Juliet*.
* Must be in letter format
* Requires letter to Abby and response
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| In-depth feature story | * Use a character from *Romeo and Juliet*.
* 150-250 words
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| “Current” event news article | * Must report about a “current” event in *Romeo and Juliet* and contain facts from the play (at least 5 significant events).
* 150-250 words
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| One additional genre (please see attached list) | * Must be related to *Romeo and Juliet*
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| **Final Newspaper** | **Requirements** |
| All entries compiled into a complete newspaper from above. | * Must include all entries from above
* Must be titled
* Must organized a in logical order
* Must be held together (bound) in some way.
* Must be **neat and typed**, when applicable
* Must include a Works Cited page
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**Ideas to Keep In Mind:**

* All articles must still be historically accurate for the time period.
	+ You cannot have Donald Trump running for the President (because that would not make sense during the Renaissance).
* Plan your work carefully - decide who is doing what and assign tasks to each other. Use planning document - this will be turned in.

**Brief List of Genres**

* Editorial / Op-Ed
* Classified or Personal Ads
* Top Ten List
* Poetry
* Song lyrics
* Contest entry application
* Biographical summary
* Critique of a published source
* Recap of a speech or debate
* Science article
* Business article
* Lesson Plan
* Short scene from a play with notes for stage directions
* Short story
* Adventure story
* Interview with prominent person
* Recipe and description of tradition or holiday events
* Character analysis or case study
* Comedic story or parody
* Chart or diagram with explanation and analysis
* Time Line or Chain of Events
* Map with Explanation and Analysis
* Restaurant Description and Menu
* Travel destination description
* How-To or Directions Article
* Receipts, Applications, Deeds, Budgets or Other Documents
* Wedding, Graduation or Special Event Announcement
* Local News Report
* Review for play
* Newspaper Game - Crossword, Word Search, etc. with answers and directions
* Comic Strip
* Human interest story
* Obituary, Eulogy or Tribute
* Tabloid Article