

Groupwork Checklist for Creating Newscast

1. Make sure your group has Student Handout 3.1A ~~and the~~
~~corresponding Photos 3.1B.~~

2. Make sure each group member knows his or her role:

News Director Makes sure all aspects of the newscast are completed on time. In charge of soliciting ideas from all group members for all parts of the newscasts. Decides which stories the newscast should cover and how the image will be coordinated into the newscast. Acts as an eyewitness in the human interest story if needed.

Anchor Primarily responsible for creating and writing the lead story of the newscast. Reports the lead story during the newscast. Helps News Director decide which stories to report on. Engages in social chit-chat at the end of the newscast.

Co-Anchor Primarily responsible for creating and writing the secondary story of the newscast. Reports on the secondary story during the newscast. Helps News Director decide which stories to report on. Engages in social chit-chat at the end of the newscast.

On-the-Scene Reporter Primarily responsible for creating and writing the human interest story of the newscast. Reports on the human interest story and conducts interview during the newscast. Rehearses the interview with the interviewee before the newscast. Helps News Director decide which stories to report on.

Interviewee Acts as the subject of the human interest story of the newscast. Helps the On-the-Scene Reporter create and write the human interest story. Rehearses the interview with the On-the-Scene Reporter before the newscast. Helps News Director decide which stories to report on. Reads Press Release aloud to the group.

3. ~~Examine photo and have interviewee read aloud the Press Release.~~
4. Brainstorm ideas for the newscast. Prioritize possible stories based on their importance. Make sure your newscast makes use of the photos (a slide will be projected for you during the newscast) and contains a lead story, a secondary story, and a human interest story.
5. Write the various stories. Plan the presentation of the newscast. Rehearse all parts of the newscast.