

Group Work Activity

Standards Used:

1. **Work with others by giving suggestions that help and offering helpful criticism(2)**
2. **Analyze a case in which point of view requires distinguishing what is directly stated in a text from what is really meant (e.g., satire, sarcasm, irony, or understatement)(4)**
3. **Compose organized and clear writing designed for a specific purpose(7)**
4. **Analyze elements of readings to determine argument and supporting points.(8)**

Task: You and your fellow group members are the team at the Kentucky Newspaper covering the murders of the Clutter family. It is your job to come up with a front page on the trial. Each student must contribute a brief article. You must collaborate to come up with the artwork and the layout of the newspaper. This is a group project so everyone must contribute to the finished product. Make sure to use quotes from the book describing the scenes and the people involved in the trial.

Criteria	0	1	2	3
Article: Knowledge and understanding of events in the book.	Article is unrelated to the book or discusses irrelevant details.	Demonstrates limited knowledge of events in the book	Demonstrates considerable knowledge of events in the book	Demonstrates a thorough knowledge of events in the book.
Contribution to Group Work: (X3): How active was student in group work and how did they work with others?	Student was quiet during all group work and did not participate in the collaborative process	Students contributed limited thoughts to group. Student was lacking in helping other students or offering criticism	Student contributed considerable amounts to the group work, asked students if they needed help and offered limited criticism.	Student was an essential member of group, initiated and gave help to other students who were struggling and offered criticism

Layout of Newspaper: Is your newspaper visually appealing and accessible to all readers?	Newspaper is unorganized and very scattered or unclear how the reader is supposed to keep articles separate	Newspaper shows some organization but demonstrates no appealing visuals(no pictures or colors)	Newspaper is organized and somewhat visually appealing (may include a picture or some colorful text)	Newspaper is clearly organized and visually appealing with multiple images and colorful.
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