**Reported feature story**

**250 points**

For this project, you will go out and report on a topic of your choosing. You will write a feature story that is 2-3 pages long (Times, 12-point font, double-spaced).

Prior to pursuing the story, you must email me or schedule a conference with me outside of class to get your idea approved and discuss a plan for reporting and writing it. Email me your idea for a meeting BY FRIDAY.

Start early! People don’t have to call you back. Your first idea may fall through. I’ll say it again, START EARLY!

You may NOT write about an organization or group with which you are involved. That is a conflict of interest. As usual, you may not quotes friends, co-workers, fellow reporters or family members as sources.

You will be required to interview at least three people you do not know. You must include direct quotes from at least three sources. Documents do not count as sources.

Good articles will be compelling for the reader, will explore a topic in some depth and will remain focused on one main point. Your story should contain thoughtful quotes that add value and substance to the issue.

You should produce a feature lede and solid nut graf conveying both the point of the story and why the reader should care about the topic or a summary lede accomplishing those same goals. These themes should be apparent throughout the article.

As usual, your lede should only be one sentence (though the lede-in can be longer) and subsequent grafs should consist of 1-2 sentences each.

In choosing your topic, remember your news values and what you think readers would be most interested in reading.