

First Magazine Article

Draft due for peer review (in group Google Drive folder) – 9:00 am, Friday, 9/30

Polished article due (in personal Google Drive folder) – Monday, 10/3 by start of class

For this assignment, you'll be writing a magazine article modeled on one you find in a magazine of your choosing. The goal is for you to recognize the genre conventions of a particular type of article and publication, and then mirror those back in your own writing. The genre analysis worksheet you completed will help you identify key aspects of writing for this publication and audience.

After selecting an article you want to mimic, you'll adopt:

- A similar tone and style of writing (consider degree of formality, pronoun use, attitude, etc.)
- A similar structure/approach to the topic (how is the article organized? Is the goal to inform? Persuade?)
- A similar audience (consider who the article is written to/for – what are the shared knowledge and assumptions that this audience will already possess?)
- A similar *kind* of topic (you're not going to write about the *same* thing, but the same kind of thing – so, tech news, or a celebrity biographical sketch, or an opinion piece, etc.)

To write about basically anything, you'll have to do some research on the subject. Sources can be popular (articles found using Google search are fine), but they should be *credible*. Consider where you get your information before recirculating it.

For the final draft, you'll also need to practice layout and design – making it look like an article from your magazine. You should include some relevant/appropriate visuals/images (and provide credit/attribution for each).

To meet the minimum expectations, your article must be:

- submitted for peer review on Friday 9/30 by 9:00 am
- 700-1000 words long
- addressed to a specific audience and publication venue – both of which should be made clear in the article
- include at least three sources with full MLA citations posted to the end of the article
- use appropriate paragraphing, grammar, and spelling; be free of egregious typos
- The final draft must be:
 - formatted appropriately for a magazine publication (incorporation of images with captions and text displayed in columns)
 - submitted as a .pdf to your personal Google Drive folder shared with Dr. Blouke