

Success Criteria

(Project scored as two separate grades – top four bullets refer to overall project score, bottom two [in bold] refer to writing score. **Revision of writing will also be considered as part of the writing grade.**)

5/A

- completes successfully and may exceed all requirements for story and job description
- meets all deadlines with outstanding work that adheres to guidelines
- helps significantly with group tasks and shows leadership; outstanding attendance
- uses all class time well; shows initiative
- **story follows journalistic guidelines and writing/research requirements; excellent writing quality**
- **writing / markups reflect outstanding understanding and meticulous, thorough research**

4/B

- successfully completes all (or most all) requirements for story and job description
- meets all deadlines with very good work that adheres to guidelines
- helps significantly with group tasks; consistent attendance
- uses all class time well; works effectively with group members
- **story follows journalistic guidelines and meets well writing/research req's; very good writing**
- **writing / markups reflect above average understanding and mostly thorough research**

3/C

- adequately completes all (or most all) requirements for story and job description
- meets deadlines and shows a good attempt at meeting requirements that adhere to class guidelines
- helps some with group tasks; generally good attendance
- uses all class time well; works effectively with group members
- **story generally follows journalistic guidelines and meets writing/research req's; average-quality writing**
- **writing / markups reflect average understanding and adequate research of the topic**

2/D

- may complete requirements for story and job, or fails to adequately complete key requirements
- doesn't always fully meet deadlines, requirements or guidelines
- may help some with group tasks; may miss significant number of class days
- may use all class time well; generally works well with group members
- **story follows some journalistic guidelines and meets some writing/research req's.; below average writing**
- **writing / markups reflect below average understanding and minimal research of the topic**

1/F

- fails to adequately complete key project requirements
- has trouble meeting deadlines or showing much attempt to fulfill requirements or group guidelines
- may help little with group tasks; may miss significant number of class days
- fails to use class time well or work well with group members
- **story follows few guidelines; poor writing; writing reflects little understanding and poor / dishonest research of the topic**