News Article 1

You will choose a newsworthy and compelling story to cover. Your article will meet the following criteria:

- 500-750 words (Word-generated word count must be included at end of article)
- Impartial look at the story, no bias
- Strong lead: one sentence, covering who, what, when, where, why, how
- Follows inverted pyramid structure
- At least two fact-based sources referenced
- Includes correctly formatted dateline
- Includes correctly formatted byline
- Uses active voice rather than passive
- Correct implementation of AP style (-2 points per AP style error)
- Appropriate usage of grammar, spelling and English-language conventions (-1 point per error)

News Article 2

This article should follow all criteria discussed above for News Article 1, plus:

- Covers an issue or topic relevant to students at Palm Beach State College
- Includes at least two sources and an interview with an employee of the college (include source credibility)

How To Submit Articles

All submissions must be printed copies submitted at the start of the class period listed on your schedule. Issues such as printer not working, out of ink, out of money on Panthercard, etc. are not viable reasons for late submissions – reporters are expected to stick to strict deadlines in the real world. Make sure your rough draft with markings as discussed above is also submitted with final copy.

You cannot score above an 80% on any assignment without also submitting a marked rough draft. Rough drafts should be typed, printed and brought to class when indicated. Writer will make edits in pencil and sign bottom of draft, then submit to student editor. Student editor will edit in red pen and sign bottom of draft. Rough drafts with all markings must be submitted with all formal article/writing submissions. A failure to submit a rough draft with all markings will result in a 20 percent penalty on the formal assignment. Please note that if you are absent on an editing day in class, you must arrange to have another student edit your work outside of class.

Submissions must be printed in black ink on 8.5 x 11 standard white paper, with one-inch margins and in 12-point Times New Roman font. Make sure final copy is free of all errors. You will lose two points for every AP style error and one point for every grammatical error (punctuation, etc.), in addition to normal grading.