

Summer Reading Project
Nothing But the Truth by Avi
Due: Thursday, August 28th

Avi's documentary novel, *Nothing But the Truth*, details the events that happen due to one student's indiscretion and the way the school decided to deal with the issue. It's amazing to see how one incident can be twisted and misconstrued into something completely different.

Your job is to create a "Local News" section of the Harrison, New Hampshire newspaper. In this section, you need to have:

- A headline on your page with the title of the newspaper and a title of the section.
- One article explaining the situation that occurred with Philip Malloy and Miss Narwin in the classroom. Your explanation must be unbiased, which means no opinions should be presented, just the facts. It must be a minimum of 200 words.
- Three letters written to the newspaper about the incident. You may decide from what point of view the letters are written. You may not use any of the letters that were written in the book. These letters may be as short or as long as you like.
- One advertisement for the school budget approval with a colored picture.
- One letter/editorial written by Miss Narwin explaining the "Star Spangled Banner" situation, her feelings about Philip Malloy, and the reason she teaches school. This must be a minimum of 200 words.

All items need to be organized in a neat fashion and resemble a newspaper. This may be typed, hand-written, or both. If you do handwrite any portions, please use pen. Your news section should be appealing to look at and not rushed! If you need to stretch it onto more than one page, feel free to do so. If you plagiarize (copy written work that someone else wrote) any section of the project, you will receive an automatic zero on the project. You may, however, cite quotes from the novel using page numbers if you feel it's necessary.

Grading Rubric

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Appearance	The newspaper section contains all the necessary components and is well-crafted. It is clear time was spent on this project.	The newspaper section has most of the necessary components, but may be missing one or two. It is well-crafted.	The newspaper section is lacking three or more necessary components. It is evident that the project was rushed.
Grammar/ Spelling	The newspaper section is written using proper punctuation, capitalization, and spelling. There may be one or two errors.	The newspaper section is written with an attempt to use proper punctuation, capitalization, and spelling. There are less than six errors.	The newspaper section was not written with an attempt to use proper punctuation, capitalization, and spelling. There are six or more errors.
Article/Letter Content	The articles and letters follow the guidelines explicitly and do not stray from the storyline.	The articles and letters attempt to follow the guidelines, however there may be some lapses in facts from the story.	The articles and letters do not follow the guidelines and there are lapses in facts from the story.
Advertisement	The ad is endorsing the school budget creatively. The picture is colored.	The ad is endorsing the school budget. The picture is not colored.	The ad does not endorse the school budget, and the picture is not colored, or there is no advertisement.

Total: _____ / 40 points