

6th Grade Journalism - Exploratory

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This course is only offered at Nipher Middle School

Course Description: In this class, students will learn how to recognize and create journalistic media. Students are introduced to the concepts of news journalism, newspaper design, interviewing basics, and video broadcast styles in a highly interactive classroom format.

Grade Level: 6th Grade

Unit Scope and Sequence:

Unit 1: Defining Journalism

Unit 2: Newspapers

Unit 3: Interviewing

Unit 4: Broadcast Journalism

Curriculum Work So Far:

1. Examined more than 100 survey responses from current students.
2. Drafted a curricular scope & sequence of six units for the course.
 - Unit 1:** Defining Journalism
 - Unit 2:** Newspapers
 - Unit 3:** Interviewing
 - Unit 4:** Broadcast Journalism
3. Developed unit essential questions, enduring understandings, and student learning goals in alignment with state standards. Examples include, but are not limited to:

Essential Questions:

- What is journalism?
- What makes a story newsworthy?
- What are the characteristics of a quality journalistic interview?
- Why has broadcast journalism risen in popularity?

Enduring Understandings:

- One can remain informed by analyzing the news through multiple media sources and types.
- Newspapers make money through selling advertisements.
- Utilizing open-ended questions when interviewing enhances the likelihood for a quality interview.
- A quality broadcast segment includes specific elements and organization.

Student Learning Goals:

- Analyze news in terms of newsworthiness
 - Decipher media sources and media types
 - Understand news bias and how it affects content
 - Follow the 5 steps of interview process (prepare, craft questions, active listening, transcribing, reflecting)
4. Aligned the 6th Grade English Language Arts Priority Missouri Learning Standards to the Units.