



# English III/IV Journalistic Composition Fall Semester - 2010

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## Course Description

This class addresses the Arizona State Standards in reading and writing for 11th and 12th graders. It focuses on journalism skills including researching and writing news stories as well as studying style and methods of various media. Students will apply knowledge by creating school publications including but not limited to a school newspaper. May be repeated for elective credit.

## Course Objective

To create a school news source that serves as an open forum for Kofa students, staff, and community. The paper will strive to be accurate, fair, unbiased, and well written using the principles of scholastic journalism as a foundation.

## Class Rules

1. Be on time.
2. Be prepared.
3. Be respectful of others.
4. Observe all rules and regulations outlined in the student handbook.

## Grades & Grading Scale:

100 – 90 =	A	Grades will be based on number of points earned by the student from the number of points available for earning.
89 – 80 =	B	
79 – 70 =	C	Grades each six weeks will include homework, in class work, quizzes, tests, and writing assignments. Semester grades are calculated by district standards as follows:
69 – 60 =	D	Grading period 1 30%, Grading period 2 30%, Grading period 3 25 %, Final exam 15%.
59 or less=	F	

## Semester Schedule

Week 1: Introductions/Rules/Guidelines/ Defining News, the 5Ws	Week 8: Chapter 8: Handling Quotes Fairly and Accurately
Week 2: Chapter 1: Looking Back: History of American Media	Week 9: Chapter 11: Writing Feature Stories
Week 3: Chapter 2: Meeting Ethical & Legal Responsibilities	Week 10: Chapter 13: Writing for the Editorial Page
Week 4: Chapter 3: Deciding What is News	Week 11: Chapter 13: Writing for the Editorial Page cont.
Week 5: Chapter 5: Making the Interview Work	Week 12: Chapter 10: Layout & Design
Week 6: Chapter 6: Writing News Story Leads	Week 13: Newspaper Production Cycle (NPC) begins: Story Ideas, Angles, Leads
Week 7: Chapter 7: Writing News Stories & Headlines	Week 14: NPC: Leads, first drafts, peer revision, photos
	Week 15: NPC: second drafts, interviews, peer/editor revisions
	Week 16: NPC: final drafts, art work, photos, captions
	Week 17: NPC: layout, pre-flight, press ready, distribution
	Week 18: Newspaper Production Cycle (NPC) begins: Story Ideas, Angles, Leads

## Arizona Standards & Concepts

This course will adhere to Arizona Academic Standards set for 11th & 12th Grade reading, writing, speaking. The following standards and concepts will be addressed throughout the semester. Please see: <http://www.ade.az.gov/standards> for a detailed explanation of each standard and concept.

Standards: Writing Strand: 1 - Concepts 1-5	Reading Strand: 1 - Concepts 4-6
2 - Concepts 1-6	2 - Concepts 1-2
3 - Concepts 1-6	3 - Concepts 1-3

## Shield & Crown Club

The journalism class will also serve as the Shield & Crown club. The club will participate in school events and be part of the culture at Kofa High School. Their purposes are to generate a student produced news publication and help with the fundraising efforts necessary to pay for the printing of the school newspaper.