

Hello Journalism Families!

We'll be moving ahead with work on our research project and taking some time to work on observing the world around us – it's our job as journalists!

For week 1, let's keep focus on our research project. There's a document that has been added to your OneNote in your research project folder called Research Topic Editorial. In it, you'll answer the same types of questions you have for your editorials in the past. But, this time, instead of using a specific article, you'll write based on the information you've gathered about your research topic.

If you can't access our Class Notebook on OneNote, you have some options in getting your work to me. The assignment is attached to this letter. You can handwrite it and take a photo of your work, you can draft your work in an email to me, or you can write on a Word document and attach it in an email.

Yearbook is a little worrisome, but there isn't much we can do right now. If your page was incomplete, I'll be getting in touch with you to finalize some details. Otherwise, we'll be moving ahead with the pages as they are! I appreciate your hard work on finishing up things in the last few weeks; it got us to a pretty good spot to submit everything on time.

I look forward to reading your editorials. Please don't hesitate to reach out should you have any questions!

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Research Topic Editorial

1. What is one aspect of your topic that can be debated?
2. On which side do you fall? Do you prefer one solution to another?
3. Why do you believe what you do about the issue? Why do you think one position is better than another? What is it about the position that is most convincing? Cite information from at least two articles you've read to help prove your point.
4. Present a solution that you think could either help solve the problem or provide a step in the right direction. What do you think should happen regarding the issue? Again, if you're reading an article about year-round school, maybe you can provide a solution that both sides will agree to, like two months in school, one month off. **Why** is this solution effective?

Now, write a paragraph or two that puts this information together.

First, introduce the issue. Next, spend a sentence or two discussing both sides of the issue (if they're presented). Then, write a few sentences about your position: why you believe what you do about the issue presented in the article. Be sure to include information from at least two articles you've read to help prove your point. After that, a few sentences should be written to discuss your possible solution. Finally, leave your reader with a lasting thought.