

# Journalism Merit Badge Worksheet



## Requirement 1

Using the spaces below write stories covering satisfactorily the following assignments, demonstrating that you know the principles of good news writing including the elements of a good lead paragraph:

### A News Incident

### A Routine Club or Society Meeting

**A Lecture, Sermon, or Political Address**

**Requirement 2**

Using the spaces below, write:

**An Editorial**

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**A Feature or Human Interest Story**

**Review of a Play, a Motion Picture, a Concert, or a Book**

### Requirement 3

Explain how the articles in Requirement Numbers 1 and 2 differ:

Secure the publication of at least one of these articles in a Scouting, school, or local paper.

Name of the Publication: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Publication: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a cut out of the published article.

### Requirement 4

Prepare a simple set of headline styles which will serve all needs of a small newspaper, indicating type size and approximate count for each. Attach your headlines below:

### Requirement 5

Present photographic or cartoon copy or the suggestion for such copy, as an illustration for a news story, and write the caption of it. Attach your photo or draw your cartoon below:

### Requirement 6

Read and correct proof, using the conventional proofreader's marks on manuscript of at least two typewritten pages furnished by your Counselor.

- Attach the typewritten pages you have correct proof.

### Requirement 7

Show that you know what is meant by the following terms:

- point \_\_\_\_\_
- pica \_\_\_\_\_
- face \_\_\_\_\_
- case linotype \_\_\_\_\_
- hand set \_\_\_\_\_
- gallery proof \_\_\_\_\_
- halftone \_\_\_\_\_
- electrotype \_\_\_\_\_
- screen \_\_\_\_\_
- stereotype \_\_\_\_\_
- mat \_\_\_\_\_

## Requirement 8

Do the following:

Explain the steps necessary to copyright a book, magazine, or newspaper; tell what rights are granted by a copy, for what period.

Explain what is meant by freedom of the press and why we have libel laws. Tell what plagiarism is.

## Requirement 9

Prepare a dummy for the printer of an 8-page newspaper or magazine, including the placing of different size advertisements to cover the equivalent of two pages.

Name of Printer: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person at Printer: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Printer that Dummy was done to their satisfaction

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Counselor

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## **Requirement 10**

Explain the process of preparing a modern newspaper for publication, demonstrating a satisfactory knowledge of the various departments and executives and their functions.

Explain the importance of the deadline.

## Requirement 11

Have contributed as a reporter, or as editor or member of the editorial or business staff (either voluntary or paid) on a newspaper or a local Council, Troop, school, trade, farm, or club publication for at least four issues.

1. Date of publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of publication: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Date of publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of publication: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Date of publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of publication: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Date of publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of publication: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional

5. Date of publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of publication: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Date of publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of publication: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Date of publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of publication: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Date of publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of publication: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Date of publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of publication: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Date of publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of publication: \_\_\_\_\_

## Requirement 12

Present a scrapbook including unpublished copy as well as clippings of published material filed under date and place of publication.

Show your scrapbook to your counselor and have him sign here:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Counselor's Signature and Date