

Letter to the Editor Assignment

Idea Due _____
First Draft Due _____
Final Paper Due _____

A letter-to-the-editor is a way for citizens to express their opinions in the newspaper. Every opinion piece must have an opinion, facts and supports for the opinion, and a resolution or call to action. This assignment will give you a chance to practice opinion writing.

1. Decide what you want to write about. Since this is an editorial think about the qualities of opinion pieces that we talked about in class. Limit your topics to Lake Park or local ideas. Tell Mrs. Creech what you have selected by the date above.

2. Decide whom you need to interview and contact them immediately. Arrange a time to interview them.

3. Prepare interview questions and do background research.

4. After you interviews, write the first draft, keeping in mind the rules of the opinion writing. Turn it in by the due date above.

5. Revise your draft as recommended by the teacher and your peers.

6. Turn in your final draft by the date listed above. This draft must be a minimum of 350 words and typed. Untyped papers will not be graded. See Mrs. Creech for passes to the computer lab if you need to type at school.

TURN IN 2 COPIES OF YOUR LETTER.

7. After your work has been graded, it will be mailed to the *Daily Herald* or *Perspective* for submission as a letter-to-the-editor. You can decide which paper to send it to.

If you have any questions or concerns please
feel free to ask me for assistance.