

# News Story Rubric

Use this rubric to help you as you write your published account of the life of a combat medic. Your editor (teacher) will use this rubric when they read and evaluate your article.

## Newspaper Basics: 15 points

- \_\_\_\_\_  Headline communicates main idea of story (5)
- \_\_\_\_\_  Has a byline (name of author) (5)
- \_\_\_\_\_  Dateline includes date and place (5)

## Organization, Style, and Content: 55 points

- \_\_\_\_\_  Lead catches the reader's attention and makes the reader want to keep on reading (5)
- \_\_\_\_\_  First paragraph following the lead gives the most important information: who, what, where, when, why, how (10)
- \_\_\_\_\_  Rest of article gives sufficient and appropriate information, including lots of specific details (10)
- \_\_\_\_\_  Includes at least two pertinent quotations (5)
- \_\_\_\_\_  Relates to the use of specific medical advances during World War II (5)
- \_\_\_\_\_  Relates to the human element of how a combat medic impacted the lives of individual soldiers on the ground (5)
- \_\_\_\_\_  Includes at least two images (5)
- \_\_\_\_\_  Is easy to read and understand, and uses appropriate and engaging vocabulary (10)

## Format: 30 points

- \_\_\_\_\_  Is at least two pages long (10)
- \_\_\_\_\_  Demonstrates correct punctuation: especially no run-on sentences! (7)
- \_\_\_\_\_  Capitalization is correct: beginning of sentences, proper nouns (7)
- \_\_\_\_\_  Spelling is correct (6)

### Comments:

## TOTAL: 100 points