***LEARNING GOAL:***

You will demonstrate an understanding of the plot, conflict, themes and characters of the first part of *Crow Lake* by writing a news report about the novel. This is a culminating task for Part One of the novel.

***ASSIGNMENT:***

You are a reporter for the *Northern Ontario LIFE* magazine that existed in Crow Lake at the time when the Morrison parents died. You are assigned to write a detailed article. It must report on the accident and also provide an update to readers on the lives of the Morrison children after the crash and how they have settled into their new lives.

***THE TASK:***

Write the article. Use facts from the novel’s first seven chapters to provide you with the details necessary to support your article. In the article, you must:

* Identify details behind the accident
* Provide background information about the Morrison family
* Provide an update on the family – how are they doing?
* Provide quotes from important community members, (even if you have to make them up)
* Use a news report format (Find examples online if you need a template)
* Edit your work for spelling, grammar, paragraphs

The expected minimum word count for this assignment is 400 words, (for the actual article part). You may elect to include a photograph to support your article, too. **Please double-space your text.**

***SUCCESS CRITERIA:***

* I will include the necessary parts of a news report including newspaper name, article headline, facts (e.g. 5 Ws & H), supporting details, and organization of information
* I will use elements of the novel’s plot, conflicts, characters, and setting as a source of information for the news report to show an understanding of the text
* I will include a minimum of one quote from two different characters, (even if made up), to show an extended understanding of character relationships
* I will ensure my news report is organized into effective and clear paragraphs
* I will edit my work for clear ideas, spelling, and grammar

***WORK SCHEDULES AND DEADLINES:***  
You will be given one class period to begin this assignment. The remainder of the work must be done at home or on your own time.  
  
**Due Date:** Monday, January 22, 2016  
  
**REMINDERS:**

* Use the internet for news article examples if you aren’t sure how to write
* Double-space your work and edit it for spelling and grammar
* **Staple the rubric to the back of your assignment**

***RUBRIC & MARKING***Remove this page and staple it to the back of your assignment.

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| ***Expectation*** | ***LEVEL 0*** | ***LEVEL 1 - Limited Expectations*** | ***LEVEL 2 -  Some Expectations*** | ***LEVEL 3 - Meets Expectations*** | ***LEVEL 4 -  Exceeds Expectations*** |
| Student shows an understanding of newspaper form and style | Student did not meet expectations for this requirement | Assignment shows a limited understanding of form and style | Assignment shows some understanding of form and style | Assignment shows a considerable understanding of form and style | Assignment shows a thorough understanding of form and style |
| Student shows an understanding of novel’s narrative elements | Student did not meet expectations for this requirement | Narrative elements are demonstrated with limited effectiveness | Narrative elements are demonstrated with some effectiveness | Narrative elements are demonstrated with considerable effectiveness | Narrative elements are demonstrated with exceptional effectiveness |
| Student shows an understanding of characters | Student did not meet expectations for this requirement | Limited understanding of characters is shown | Some understanding of characters is shown | Considerable understanding of characters is shown | Excellent understanding of characters is shown |
| Student has effectively organized their information | Student did not meet expectations for this requirement | There is limited organization of ideas | There is some organization of ideas | There is considerable organization of ideas | There is complete organization of ideas |
| Student has edited their work for spelling, grammar and complete ideas | Student did not meet expectations for this requirement | Assignment shows limited editing skills | Assignment shows some editing skills | Assignment shows considerable editing skills | Assignment shows very effective editing skills |

**Knowledge** [Narrative Elements and Novel Info] 0 1 2 3 4 5  
  
**Thinking** [Article Information and Ideas] 0 1 2 3 4 5  
  
**Application** [Form and Style of News Article] 0 1 2 3 4 5

**Communication** [Spelling and Grammar] 0 1 2 3 4 5  
  
**TOTAL MARKS FOR ASSIGNMENT /20**

**DESCRIPTIVE FEEDBACK**