Newspaper article assignment:

Background info:

* Newspaper writing is different from essay writing
* Your job is to inform the public
* You MUST use verifiable facts; errors can get you sued
* Stay out of the story – your opinion doesn’t matter
* Include quotes from your sources
* Use short paragraphs
* “Use this format,” she said.
* Refer to sources by their full name the first time and only their last name the rest of the time

**Lede:** First paragraph of a newspaper story; generally between 20 and 45 words long and only one sentence

* Who, what, where, when, why, and how?
* **Summary lede:** Answers those basics
* **Anecdotal lede:** Tells a story; includes a summary lede after the story

The journalism process:

* Interview a source (done in class - invent quotes if you missed Dec. 4th)
* Capture quotes from that interview
* Write a journalism story about the Salem witch trials
* Include quotes from your source
* Include made-up quotes from two other sources (characters) from “The Crucible”

**The assignment:**

* Include a lede that answers:
* Who, what, where, when… Try to include “how” and “why” if you’re feeling ambitious
* Include direct quotes from Abigail
* You will have to take *fast* notes
* Include information (made-up quotes or summarized information from two other characters)
* Keep it short — definitely no longer than 800 words