



Opinion Writing

- Each year is different
- AP Style
- Letter to the editor (300-500 words)
 - Students are to write a piece that takes a position and support it with evidence based on the press packet and information that was gathered in the press conference.
 - The story will then be word processed by the student on a computer and turned in to be scored. You will have up to two hours to complete the practicum
 - It should be written for an appropriate audience, have a strong focus and lead, and include a headline.



Essential Components

1. Claim
 - The side you are trying get them to see
2. Evidence
 - Statistics and facts about the topic
3. Reasoning
 - Tie the first two together

*Use these in this order



Formatting the Letter

- Format doesn't matter, content does
- You don't have to find an editor and publication
- Think local or statewide