

JOURNALISTIC WRITING EDITING TIPS

Citing Sources –

- No works cited page
- No internal parenthetical citations
- ~~“Amazing quote from something and another thing” (DeMiero)~~
- Instead cite the source as you would in a newspaper or website, etc.
 - “Amazing quote from something and another thing,” English 9 Honors teacher Vince DeMiero said.
- OR if it’s a non-human source –
 - “Italian American teachers tend to be the best,” according to a Harvard study.
- OR if you’ve paraphrased what somebody said or what a non-human source indicated –
 - Most English 9 Honors students are able to apply what they’ve learned, English 9 Honors teacher Vince DeMiero said.
 - Several studies indicate that Italian American teachers are excellent, according to a study out of Harvard University.
- NOTE: When quoting somebody/something, use the word order SOURCE said, not said SOURCE.

Other goofy things that apply to journalistic writing (and almost always work in other types of writing, too!) –

- In general, use the following sentence structure if you have complex information to share: SUBJECT • VERB • OBJECT (someone or something doing something to someone or something else)
- Names – on first reference, use the person’s first and last name along with an identifying title or contextual information. On subsequent references, use only the person’s last name. (Exceptions if there is more than one person with the same last name.)
- Times – use 7 p.m. or 5:45 a.m. for example
- Dates – all dates have to be in the context of the day your story will be published (tomorrow, yesterday, today, for example, must make sense based on the *publication date*). Also, today’s date would be written as April 21 *not* 21st. There are exceptions, but that’s a good rule to follow.
- When referencing the WHEN and WHERE in your writing, try to use TIME/ DATE/PLACE (in that order). EX: The baseball game is at 4 p.m. tomorrow at MTHS.
- Percentages – spell out the word *percent* instead of using % (although the % symbol is okay in charts and graphics)