

Newsletter Jobs

Jobs are an integral part to our classroom and help it function well. Primarily, we need to take our jobs as students and teachers (because we are all both) very seriously. But one of your jobs in the classroom will be related to having our online class newsletter run smoothly. Many weeks you will have a job associated with the newsletter, and, like all jobs, you need to be prepared. Responsibilities will be assigned on the Thursday or Friday before each week, with all of the "writing" work needing to be done on Writely.com as weekend homework. *Make sure you come with work completed on time!*

Job Title: Poet

Responsibility: Create an original poem; have it written on Writely and be ready to *read* on first class day of the week. Write "written by" and your name. Write everything in black.

Job Title: Idiom Master

Responsibility: Bring in an idiom or saying to share. Make sure to know its meaning, as well as its background (or how it came to be) if that is available. Have a paragraph description written on Writely and ready to *read* on first class day of the week. Write "written by" and your name. Write everything in black.

Job Title: Linguist

Responsibility: Bring in a challenging (but usable) word to share. You must have the word (spelled correctly), its primary definition, the use of the word in a sentence, and the linguistic roots or history of the word. Have a paragraph description written on Writely and ready to *read* on first class day of the week. Write "written by" and your name. Write everything in black.

Job Title: MPA Reporter

Responsibility: Write a two- or three-paragraph news report on some of the things going on at MPA. This might be about what's happening in English class, other fifth-grade classes, or MPA in general. Have it written on Writely by first class day of the week. Write everything in black.

Job Title: Local News Reporter

Responsibility: Write a one- to three-paragraph news report on something relevant in local news. Have it written on Writely by first class day of the week. Write "written by" and your name. Write everything in black.

Job Title: National News Reporter

Responsibility: Write a one- to three-paragraph news report on something relevant in national (United States) news. Have it written on Writely by first class day of the week. Write "written by" and your name. Write everything in black.

Job Title: World News Reporter

Responsibility: Write a one- to three-paragraph news report on something relevant in world (outside the United States) news. Have it written on Writely by first class day of the week. Write "written by" and your name. Write everything in black.

Job Title: Interviewer

Responsibility: Using a five-question format, interview a classmate, teacher, or MPA employee. Write a one- or two-sentence intro, then the questions and answers in interview format. Have it written on Writely by first class day of the week. Write "written by" and your name. Write everything in black.

Job Title: PIL (Poet, Idiom, Linguist) Editor

Responsibility: Go through the poem, idiom report, and linguist report to check for spelling, grammar, and mechanical errors. Write "edited by" with your name in red. Do all editing/revising in red, and have completed by the second class day of the week.

Job Title: LANN (Local And National News) Editor

Responsibility: Go through the local and national news reports to check for spelling, grammar, and mechanical errors. Write "edited by" with your name in red. Do all editing/revising in red, and have completed by the second class day of the week.

Job Title: WAI (World, Academy [MPA], Interview) Editor

Responsibility: Go through the world news report and interview to check for spelling, grammar, and mechanical errors. Write "edited by" with your name in red. Do all editing/revising in red, and have completed by the second class day of the week.

Job Title: Final Proofer (2 students will hold this position)

Responsibility: Go through the entire newsletter for final proofing. Write "proofed by" with your name in green. Do all editing/revising in green, and have completed by Friday (regardless if we have class or not).