

# DSS PROCTORING INSTRUCTIONS: JRN101/103 ( News Literacy) FINAL EXAM

Thank you for providing this accommodation for our students.

Attached you will find:

- A CD of the required Powerpoint slideshow
- A printout of the Powerpoint slides
- The number of exams required for DSS this semester, plus one extra.

News Literacy is a critical thinking DEC and a textual analysis DEC. This final is the student's opportunity to demonstrate skill in real-time analysis and deconstruction of news reports. Visual and aural observation, reading and writing are required.

For the purpose of your time ratio adjustments, here's how the standard News Literacy final works:

**Video Portion:** Students watch each video three times with a timed pause in between each viewing to permit them to make notes and write their answers to questions about that video.

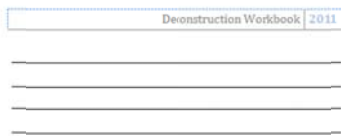
**Text Portion:** Students read one newspaper article and write their answers to questions about that article.

One extra page is supplied, although the exam as printed has generally provided adequate space.

The proctor needs basic Powerpoint skills. Because compatibility problems are impossible to predict, DSS staff should test-run the Powerpoint slideshow well ahead of exam-time on the computer that will be used to administer the exam.

Also, DSS students should start at the same time as their classmates, if possible.

Each student is permitted to bring one unmarked document, which is the back page of the deconstruction workbook. It looks like this.



The standard schedule is as follows:

## **VIDEO PORTION OF EXAM**

### VIDEO 1

#### **First viewing**

3 minutes to make first notes

#### **Second viewing**

7 minutes to make notes and answer questions

#### **Third viewing**

7 minutes to finish answers

### VIDEO 2

Same sequence and timing

### VIDEO 3

Same sequence (students can move on to the print section of the exam whenever

they wish)

## **NEWSPAPER REPORT PORTION OF EXAM**

Attached to the exam is a newspaper article. Students read it and answer a series of questions.

Students are allowed to flip back to earlier sections of the exam to re-work answers.

It is anticipated that DSS Proctors may alter the time limits in accordance with the ratios established by DSS. Please consult with the Center for News Literacy before changing any other aspect of the test.

When the exam has been administered, please return the disk or jumpdrive it was delivered on, plus all completed and blank exams, or call our office to arrange pick-up. Thank you.

Again, thank you for providing this accommodation for our students.

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