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**Option 1: long newspaper article**

The final product includes:

* A title of the newspaper /2
* A title of the article /2
* One picture to support /2

The product is:

* Visually appealing (uses a template; resembles a newspaper) /2
* Written in the perspective of someone in the 1920s /5
* The appropriate length (5-6 paragraphs long) /2
* Appropriate covers the issue at hand /13
* On topic for the entirety of the newspaper article /2

The product has a “wow” factor ☺ up to +5 bonus points

**FINAL GRADE /60**

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**Option 2: short article and political cartoon**

The political cartoon:

* Is colored or incredibly detailed /5
* Has a specific perspective present /5
* Appropriate covers the issue at hand /8
* Takes up at least one half page /1
* Has a title /1

The newspaper article:

* Has a title of the newspaper and a title of the article /1
* Is visually appealing (uses a template; resembles a newspaper) /1
* Is written in the perspective of someone in the 1920s /2
* Is the appropriate length (2-3 paragraphs long) /1
* Appropriate covers the issue at hand /4
* Is on topic for the entirety of the newspaper article /1

The product has a “wow” factor ☺ up to +5 bonus points

**FINAL GRADE /60**