

# Intro to Journalism

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## Texts/Materials:

*Inside Reporting*, second edition, by Tim Harrower

*2011 AP Stylebook*, edited by Darrell Christian,  
Sally Jacobsen and David Minthorn

Google Docs Account

“OUR REPUBLIC AND ITS PRESS WILL  
RISE OR FALL TOGETHER...THE POWER TO  
MOULD THE FUTURE OF THE REPUBLIC  
WILL BE IN THE HANDS  
OF THE JOURNALISTS  
OF FUTURE GENERATIONS.”  
-JOSEPH PULITZER

## Philosophy:

To be a good journalist, I believe you must be a good storyteller. Every person you pass in the hallway today has a story to be told, whether it's how far they drive just to attend Sion, a special hobby, a sport, or an aspiration. Some are quiet and hold their stories close. Some are willing to shout their story from the rooftop.

As a journalist, it's your job to get these stories. No matter how hard, or how easy. And it's your job to report it with fairness and objectivity.

## Course Goals:

- Learn the History of Journalism
- Master Writing Styles for All Mediums: Newspaper, Magazine, Website, Broadcast News & Radio, Public Relations
- Learn Reporter Responsibilities
- Learn Journalistic Job Opportunities
- Become Socially and Politically Aware

“I ALWAYS THOUGHT WRITING WAS THE  
FOUNDATION AND THE BASIS FOR JOURNAL-  
ISM IN THE SAME WAY BEING ABLE TO DRAW  
IS THE FOUNDATION FOR ART.”  
-BOB SCHIEFFER

## Class Expectations:

**Attendance** - Thanks to Google Docs, you will never have to miss a reporting/story deadline due to an absence. If you miss class, it is your responsibility to get your assignments from me, my website or a classmate. Quizzes, tests and non-reporting/story assignments will be due upon student's return.

**Mutual Respect** - Please maintain a positive attitude toward the class, teacher, classmates, and your assignments. Please take care of the technology provided by the school. No food and drinks in the classroom.

**Plagiarism** - It's unacceptable and unworthy of a Sion student.

## Grading:

*You will be evaluated through:*

- Quizzes
- Chapter Tests
- Interview Projects
- Story Assignments
- Media Projects
- Meeting Deadlines

Each quarter grade represents 50 percent of your semester grade.