

# Idea portfolio: newspaper final project

Great ideas spring from other ideas. For example, Chris Brown became famous because he studied Michael Jackson and other famous singers. Be Chris Brown and collect ideas that you can use as models to follow. You are welcome to use newspapers or magazines in room 241 or to use the Internet. Please ask Mrs. Kritchman if you would like to use the school's photocopier.

**Label each article, along with a good-sized paragraph explaining:**

- what you learned from this model that you (or others on staff) could use
- if it inspired you, how so
- if you used it as research for your writing

**Packaging:** put everything together in an organized manner in a folder. Handwritten or typed is acceptable.

You must find two examples from each of the following categories by April 10:

## **Interview articles:**

Des Moines news

Iowa news

National news

International news

Profile

Features

Sports

## **Opinion articles:**

Editorial

Opinion column

News column

Feature column

Sports column

Humor column

Letter to the editor

## **Alternative entry points**

Sidebars (limitless number of types)

Caption

Headline

## **Visual interest**

Unique headline style (color, font, arrangement)

Layout

Photograph  
Editorial cartoon