**RADIO – NEWS 1**

What is news? (see separate sheet)

Elements to keep in mind while gathering and writing news:

* news judgment
	+ determine what is news
	+ select details pertinent to the story
* accuracy
* balance
* clarity
* verification of facts
* objective focus

Elements to keep in mind specifically for radio news:

* listener only hears the story once
	+ be clear
		- in writing
		- in voice
* identify the 5Ws and H
* summarize key facts
	+ radio news does not always have time to report “why”
	+ active voice often leads to the “who” of the story coming first
* include actualities (sound quotes) and attribute them
	+ attribution comes first in radio
* decide what is most essential news for the audience
* bring the listener to the scene of the story using descriptive writing and sound
* most stories will be 20 seconds or less (40 words) so use words wisely

**ASSIGNMENT – 1-minute newscast**

-Find five news stories on the internet

-Rewrite the stories to radio style

- Type and print in proper script style (each story on its own page)

-Rank the stories as you think they should be read

-Script, type and print an intro and outro to your newscast, using

“W-P-P-B, The Pulse” as the name of the station

-Record, using at least three stories, but not going over the 1-minute limit