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Presidential Election Article Assignment

**Objective**:

Students will write an informational, feature article on the 2016 Presidential election.

**Process**:

1. Individually or in pairs, students will create a list of 5 or more questions (unbiased, non-confrontational, open-ended) to ask Landstown students and staff about the upcoming Presidential election.
2. Students will record notes carefully, either written during the interview or transcribed from a recording. These notes will be turned in with their final drafts.

1. Students will carry their Talon Press Passes as they venture out into the building to informally interview 5 or more people using these questions. *You may interview ONE person who does not go to or work at Landstown.*
2. Students are encouraged to take pictures and/or video, which will be considered for extra credit if submitted with captions. Articles and photos may be shared with Logan and Marquise as they post messages on The Talon's website and social media sites.
3. After completing interviews, students will work individually or in pairs to write the article (complete with headline, byline, and 5 or more individuals quoted).
4. Students will write, edit, revise, and upload articles on Edmodo by the end of the block on Monday, March 7th.

**Checklist**:

* 5 or more questions (unbiased, non-confrontational, open-ended)
* Written responses to interview questions (with names and grades/positions)
* Accurate, objective reporting of candidates and presidential election facts
* Effective lead followed by multi-paragraph article
* 5 or more individuals quoted accurately in article
* Original, attention-getting headline
* Byline
* 400-500 words – include word count at the end of your article
* Type article in legible, 12 point font, double-spaced
* Upload article to Edmodo by the end of the block on Monday, March 7th
* Upload photographs with captions to Edmodo ANYTIME between today and Monday, March 7th