

Oliver Twist Project

To test your knowledge and understanding of the summer reading novel *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens, you will create a newspaper depicting events from the novel and the times in which it took place. This project will count as a test grade.

Remember that newspapers contain the following features:

- News articles – summaries of events that address the questions Who? What? When? Where? Why? and How?
- Editorials – opinion articles that address issues in society
- Comics
- Obituaries – short biographies of people who have recently died

There are many other parts to a newspaper. If you can think of creative ways to incorporate them into this project and still maintain a sense of the novel and the time, you will be sure to earn extra points.

I would like to see the following (minimum to earn a C):

- At least one news article about an event in the novel
- At least one editorial about a social issue the novel addresses
- At least one comic strip – don't worry if you "can't draw" – I can't either. Here is your chance to be creative and see what you can come up with. The comic strip should address something in the novel, whether it is an event, character, theme, symbol, etc.
- The obituary for at least one character.

Of course, if you would like to earn an A or a B, you will need to include more of these features. You will be assessed on the following:

- Accuracy – Did what you created address the events in the story with accuracy?
- Creativity – Did you present your newspaper in an attractive format? It can be completely hand made or done on a computer. Your choice. It must, however, be neat and attractive.
- Completion – Did you include all the minimum requirements (for a C) or more for an A or B?

Here are some web sites that may help you in the construction of your newspaper:

Child Labor: <http://65.107.211.206/victorian/history/hist8.html>

Down and Out in Victorian London:

http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/masterpiece/olivertwist/ei_downandout.html

Walk Through Time (Victorian Section):

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/walk/games_index.shtml

Omnibuses: <http://www.fidnet.com/~dap1955/dickens/omnibus.html>

The British Newspaper, 1801-1850: <http://www.bl.uk/collections/brit19th.html#from1801>

Victorian Clipart: <http://victorians.net/clipart.shtml>