**JRN 160: Reporting and Writing a Reaction Story**

**THE ASSIGNMENT**

REACTION STORY (100 points): Quinnipiac and Yale played in a men’s hockey game Saturday night at QU. Students flooded the TD Bank Sports Center, but several were left out after not getting tickets. Write a *400-word* article in *AP Style* featuring the best quotes from a variety of sources. Your story’s central point should be what some people at Quinnipiac are saying about the ticket-buying process and the game itself. *Your audience is other QU students.*

Interview no fewer than three people with different views/opinions.

Follow the style listed on the syllabus, PRINT IT, STAPLE IT and bring it to class Monday.

**REPORTING**

* Locate a variety of sources. Get all their info: full name, hometown, major, age, year (senior, junior). You could start the conversation with: “I’m writing an article about the QU-Yale game for my journalism class. Could I ask you a few questions?”
* Ask open-ended questions, that is, questions that will elicit something other than a yes or no answer.
* Take good notes of what your sources tell you, making sure that you capture their quotes exactly as they say them to you. (Record them if you need to do so.)
* Ask follow-up questions. The best and most useful follow-up question is “Why?” Second best: “Can you give me an example of that?”
* Don’t forget to write everything down!
* Go to established news sources and provide some background about the game, the arena, the QU-Yale series. (How many people attended the game? Why is the game important? Provide some context to the series.)

**WRITING**

* Compose a news lede for your article, summarizing the most important facts (What were people’s reactions?) Follow that with a second paragraph that expands on the lede. – **Remember the news elements and values.** What is important to put in this short story to keep people reading?
* Find your best direct quote (hopefully one that supports the lede) and use it high in your story.
* Since this is a reaction story, you want the article to quote a few different voices. That being said, you don’t have to use every single quote you wrote down. *Use only the ones that support your lede.*
* Remember, this is a news article. ***Do not insert your opinion. Do not write in first person.***
* After you write your first draft, read it aloud to yourself. How does it sound? What information is missing? Do a re-write fixing style, grammar, etc.
* Don’t forget to use ACTIVE VOICE and be sure your words agree.

**\*\* DO THE ASSIGNED READING AND USE IT AS YOUR GUIDE AS YOU COMPLETE THE ASSIGNMENT. \*\***