# WEEK SEVEN J309-21111

### TODAY'S TIMELINE

- Discussion 20 min
- Review the Midterm 20 min
- Records and Online Journalism 40 min
- Break 10 minutes
- Tip Sheets 60 minutes

## DISCUSSION

#### Midterm Project

# Multimedia Story Package

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### Midterm FAQ

- My availability. I will respond within 24 hours to emailed questions.
   (Hopefully faster, but sometimes I get busy.)
- **Submitting your assignment.** You will make a folder called "midterm" on offthefreeway.com and upload/FTP **ALL MIDTERM FILES** there, like this: offthefreeway.com/2016/sections/21111/jasonalcorn/midterm/midterm-jalcorn.html
- Submitting your assignment, part 2. Paste your URL into a comment on the Midterm Assignment post on the class blog.
- Test proofread, and test again. Put your files on the server, then proofread your story there, watch and listen to your audio slideshow, test any other elements. Do it twice.
- Remember the rules. No friends, no family, no USC.
- Audio Slideshow. Can you use material from earlier assignments?

#### Your engaging story headline goes here

#### By Your Name Here

For your Midterm (Story Package 1), write a text main bar that is at least 600 words long... no longer than 800 words and do one "in-their-own-words" audio slideshow (two minutes long, absolutely no narration and must have captions).

The audio slideshow should not duplicate the content in the text bar. Both must relate to your beat and located within our section of the map.

#### DO NOT MISS DEADLINE.

Put your elements/packages onto this template. Rename the title, headline, byline, etc. of this HTML document. And rename this HTML file as midtermfirst initial last name.html EXAMPLE: midtermrhernandez.html

Upload this to your directory on the offthefreeway.com server and paste the URL to comments section of the class' Wordpress post about the midterm.

Your URL will be like this, but with your username:

http://offthefreeway.com/2016/sections/21113/rhernandez/midterm-rhernandez.html

I will be grading the overall story, the quality of the packages, the quality of the individual elements inside packages (photos, audio, editing, captions, etc.) and how everything works together. Again, the audio slideshow should <u>not</u> duplicate the content in the text bar.

Of course I will be also checking spelling, grammar, AP Style and general HTML code. Do not let these little mistakes kill your grade. Read the syllabus for details. TIP: Run your text through <a href="http://www.polishmywriting.com">http://www.polishmywriting.com</a> before you convert it into code.

NOTE: How do you embed a soundeslide? Go to this URL: <a href="http://bit.ly/ss\_embed">http://bit.ly/ss\_embed</a> and paste in the URL of your uploaded audio slideshow. Resize the audio slideshow to 500x430 ... you'll see that option after you click on "continue" ... it's at the bottom. After it resizes, copy-and-paste the embed code into this HTML template.

**Midterm Project Template** 

http://offthefreeway.com/2016/midterm/

DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS - 5%	MET? CHECK IF YES
Text story 600 to 800 words.	X
In-their-own-words audio slideshow	X
On HTML template page.	X
Has a headline and byline.	X
TOTAL	5%

GRADE BREAKDOWN	Percentages/Points
Mainbar - 25%	25%
- Strength of lead	
- Story Structure	
<ul> <li>Sourcing. Is it well reported?</li> </ul>	
Audio Slideshow - 25%	25%
<ul> <li>Quality of audio (captured and edited)</li> </ul>	
- Quality of images	
<ul> <li>Sequencing of images, pairing with audio</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Pacing of slideshow</li> </ul>	
- Captions	
Webby Element - NA	NA
<ul> <li>Was it a good use of the tool/application?</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Was it a two-minute experience?</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Did it add to the package?</li> </ul>	
Overall story - 45%	45%
<ul> <li>Do the different media types compliment each</li> </ul>	
other or duplicate?	
<ul> <li>Is this a cohesive story or collection of elements?</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Is it tied to the beat?</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Is the coding "clean" and logical</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Is there a "good" and "complete" story</li> </ul>	
Spelling/grammar/coding/style	
<ul> <li>Minus 2 points for each error</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Minus 15 for GFE</li> </ul>	
EXTRAS	
TOTAL POINTS	100%

# RECORDS AND ONLINE JOURNALISM

### What are records?





#### What are records?

- Created in the course of life, government or business
- Any format
- Can be public or private
- Often unpublished by a news publication



# Why are records important?

- Provide direct evidence for something
- Web-friendly very visual (or can be visualized)
- Shows you did your reporting
- Increases trustworthiness of your stories
- The spice of online journalism

### Photos

- Social media. Sourced (with permission) from Facebook, Twitter, Flickr, Instagram, etc.
- **Self-shot.** Photos your sources or subjects take while you are reporting.
- Contributed. Photos your sources or subjects own and provide to you to publish.
- **Archival.** Historical photos in the possession of schools or libraries. Many online archives of photos too.

#### Other Visuals

- **Brochures, flyers and handouts.** Pick things up wherever you go or ask if digital copies are available
- Screenshots. Save screenshots if a website you are citing is likely to change or be taken down. (Use <u>archive.org</u> to find older versions of sites.)
- Writing and artwork. If the subject of a story is making or producing something, figure out how to share it with your audience.

#### Data

- Databases. Every business and organization uses databases to organize their work. What databases are used on your beat?
- Lists. The most basic version of a database is a list. What are the most popular books at the library? The most popular singles at the radio station?
- Government Information. Is there official data collection going on? Can you locate it, get access and share it?
- Maps. When location is important to your story, look for maps or make your own.

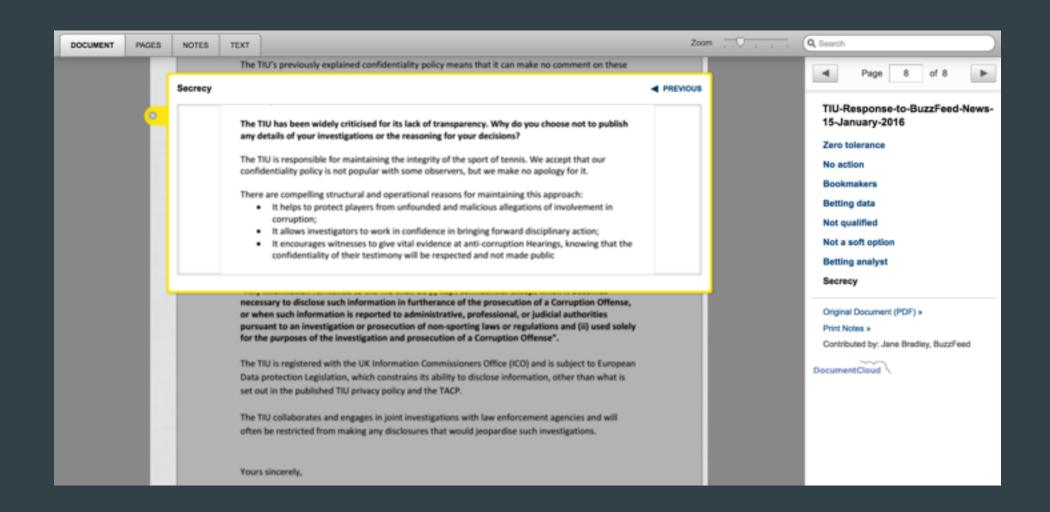
#### Documents

- Reports. Reports are published all the time and no one reads them. But if
  you find the 1-2 pages that really matter, you're helping your readers.
- **Public Records.** You're a taxpayer and the government works for you. Their records are your records.
- Bills of Sale. Businesses have long paper trails. What can you show that adds interest to your story?
- Transcripts. Sometimes a simple transcript of a conversation or public event is enough to be original and educate your readers.

#### Media

- **Video Recordings.** Events are recorded all the time with official cameras and with citizen journalism.
- Audio Recordings. Same thing but, you know, sound.
- **Archives.** Libraries have all kinds of archival media, available online or in person through a research desk.

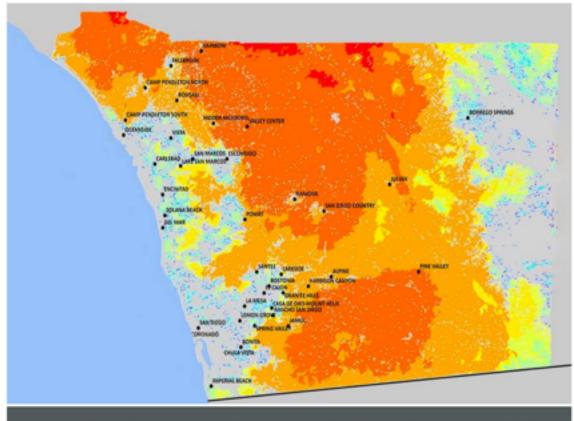
# Let's see some examples.



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from 2010 to 2015, 10 times as many last year as the year before.



Latest US forest Service fire probability map for San Diego County. Red areas have a 6-10% probability per year of burning. Darker orange areas have a 3-6% probability.

#### Recent Investigations.

Finding the truth.

Permanently Portable Invisible Disaster

Election 2016: By the Numbers

Cory Briggs

An Impossible Choice

Bill Horn's Basic Faith

**Deadly Patrols** 

End of life

Follow the Money

Mello-Roos

Money, Power & Transit

Power Play on the Waterfront

San Diego Opera

Whooping Cough

Connect With Us.

Be one of the first to



But Barbie, and Mattel as a whole, are now in a different kind of trouble. Barbie sales

f Boiling Point. This time, the shirt featured just two words: Yankees Suck.

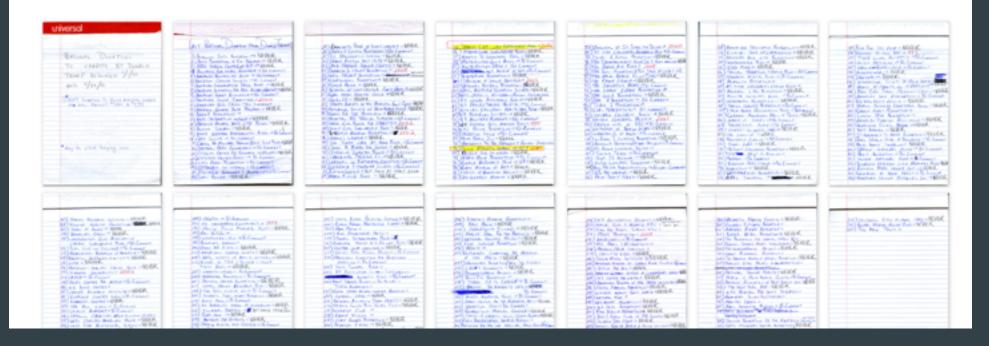




The sellers on the bridge: (L-R) Wesley Eisold (standing on railing), Brian Essenter, Jamie Manza, Eric Ferentz, Darren "Doc" Jones (behind Ferentz), Jesse Gustafson, A.J. McGuire (behind Gustafson), Chris Wrenn, Brian Masek (behind Wrenn), Anthony Pappalardo, Tim Mailloux, Todd Wilson, Ray LeMoine, Mike Dolloff, Lucian Garro (standing on railing), and two onlookers.

# Searching for evidence of Trump's personal giving

The Washington Post has contacted more than 300 charities with some ties to the GOP nominee in an effort to find proof of the millions he has said he donated to them. We've mostly been unsuccessful.



# Reporting Tips

- Make a List. What records do you need to tell your story with the digital tools you want to use?
- Ask, ask. You don't know what a source or subject might have until you ask. Help them help you.
- Do you have to develop trust first? Some records are easy to share. For
  others, they'll have to trust you.
- **Know what is off-limits.** Student records, health records, some business records (unless they're the owner) are private by law.
- Follow up. If sources promise you something by email (documents, spreadsheets) or text (photos), don't' let them forget!

## Let's take a break

## QUIZ TIME!

http://bit.ly/8xj309

# Let's look at some tip sheets

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#### Beats

**Arowosaye, JT** — Business

Baker, Gray — Arts

**Brooksbank, Tommy** — Gentrification

Cachero, Paulina — Race

**Edghill, Taylor** — Health

**Jung, Oliver** — Library

Kasumov, Aziza — Housing

Marcus, John — Community Pride

McDaniels, James — Religion

Muhammad, Ti — Schools

Ruff, Tara — Children and Families

Siegal, Aaron — Food

**Sullivan, Jodee** — Enrichment

**Thompson, Ryan** — Transportation

Wallace, Eytan — Police

Available: Old Age, Immigration