Media Content Research/Analysis (and the difference between news and opinion)

Your assignment is to find three <u>RECENT</u> (at least from <u>WITHIN THE PAST</u>

<u>YEAR!</u>) items from the print media (<u>NEWSPAPERS or NEWS and/or OPINION</u>

<u>MAGAZINES</u>; printed-out material from online editions is okay) <u>that ALL</u>

address the same issue, subject or theme:

1. One <u>NEWS Article</u> that presents, describes and discusses facts, quotes, and information regarding an <u>EVENT</u> (Hint: K.I.S.S.!) from a <u>daily</u> newspaper that prints a hard copy.

You may access and print out the article from its online site, but it **MUST** also EXIST IN PRINT!

**NO BLOGS, "NEWS ANALYSIS" OR "INFO PIECES"!** 

2. One <u>Editorial or OPINION Piece</u> (that <u>expresses THE OPINION OF THE AUTHOR</u>).

No Letters to the Editor, newspaper "street question" columns, or "opinion compilations"!

**3.** One <u>CARTOON</u> (that expresses an opinion, usually in strong terms, for one side or the other, but not necessarily).

IMPORTANT: THIS IS AN "ALL OR NOTHING" ASSIGNMENT"! YOU MUST HAVE THE CORRECT ITEMS FOR ALL THREE: The news article must be from a daily newspaper or news magazine that prints a hard copy, all three items must all be from within the last year, all three items must have to do with same issue (Hint: K.I.S.S.!), and the information for all three must be filled out correctly, OR YOU WILL RECEIVE NO CREDIT (That's ZERO/"0") AT ALL for this assignment!

Staple ALL of the above items together and to this sheet: Other side up! That means that the other side of this piece of paper should be on top; that's the side on which you will fill in and write your name. Okay? YOU WILL LOSE ALL POINTS IF YOU DON'T DO IT THAT WAY! PROPERLY fill in ALL of the information required on the other side of this piece of paper (or receive no credit!).

Please do not forget to include your name and <u>class day and time</u> (You will lose at least TWO POINTS if you don't include your class day and time!).

1.	ISSUE	(all th	ree item	s <u>MUST</u>	deal	w/th	ne same	issue):

2. NEWS ITEM (title; author/byline; publication; date; website, if applicable)

3. OPINION/EDITORIAL (title; author/byline; publication; date; website, if applicable)

4. CARTOON (cartoonist; publication; date; website, if applicable)