Calling All Editors!

The Naperville Sun wants to make sure that its editorials are accurate with their information and mechanically correct before they send them to the printer. They do not want to be accused by the "Friends of Fiefdom" and the "Fief Fighters" of intentionally making them look bad. As we all know, structure is very important in writing, and it is now time to make sure we are following certain structural guidelines. In order for this to happen, your language arts teachers have agreed to offer class time to invest in you and your work. Your objective is to have a peer check your paper in class and then an adult check your paper for homework. After which, more class time will be allotted for revisions and class instruction on the self-improvement of your editorial.

Because you will also be an editor of your peer's paper, you need to be meticulous in your editing. Please try to be as constructive as you can with your comments. If you think something needs to be fixed, offer a suggestion as to how to fix it. If you think your peer has made a mistake, try to word your comments in a positive way. No one likes to be told after all their hard work and effort that they did something wrong. Instead, try to say something like, "I like the way you supported your argument with this point, but I'm not really understanding this here. Could you explain it a little more for me?" Your teacher has provided you with a specific checklist of areas that you should look for in your peer's paper. If at any time you feel the need to offer more suggestions or comments, write directly on your peer's rough draft. When you are finished with your editing, please sign your name at the bottom of your peer's checklist. You want your peer to receive full credit for a job well done, and that includes your signature. On behalf of the Naperville Sun, we thank all editors for trying to make this the best edition to date by giving 110%.

Criteria used to assess this task:

- Write initials on all blanks where item is present.
- Circle all blanks where item is missing.
- Offer comments and suggestions on rough draft.
- Fix mechanical errors on rough draft.
- Place signature on the bottom of the checklist.

See attached rubric for a detailed breakdown of points.