

Spoon River Enquirer Assignment and Rubric

You have selected to write articles within a section of our edition of the *Spoon River Enquirer*. Within your group, you have brainstormed about the characters in *Spoon River* and decided on those you will write about. You have also made notes on the story told in the poems and the details you need to add to fill out your articles. You have also reviewed *People* magazines to see what information is included in these types of articles and the style you can use to reach your audience.

Now it is time to write. **Your article is due Thursday, October 14, 2004 at the end of the period.** (Remember that some of you must write more than one article because your articles are shorter than ones in the other sections.)

Rubric

Article Focus	1	2	3	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Shows understanding of textShows understanding of characterStays on topicContains plausible details not in the original text				
Article Organization	1	2	3	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Contains transitions between paragraphsIncludes details from textIs organized logically				
Article Completeness	1	2	3	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fulfills length requirement of _____ pagesContains bylineContains a headline				
Article Grammar/Spelling	1	2	3	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Contains 2 or fewer errors				
Sentence Fluency	1	2	3	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Contains clear and concise sentences				
Article Neatness	1	2	3	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Is typed in 12 point fontContains a 20 point headline				