**Six-word Story Assignment**

1. Come up with six words to tell your audience something meaningful about your experiences with scholastic journalism. Why is it important? What does it mean to you? How has your life changed as a result of being involved with the journalism program?

2. Shoot videos and take photos that will help illustrate your six-word story. Be sure to shoot horizontally!

3. Edit the videos/photos together using iMovie or other video editing software. Include your six words somewhere in the video—they may be spaced throughout the video or placed at the beginning or end.

**Six-word Story Rubric**

**Name:**

**Your six words:**

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|  | **3** | **2** | **1** | **0** |
| **Written Content** | Story includes six words, free of mechanical errors, that convey a meaningful/powerful message about scholastic journalism/your experiences on the staff. | Story includes six words, free of mechanical errors, that convey a message about scholastic journalism/your experiences on the staff. | Story includes six words that convey a message about scholastic journalism/your experiences on the staff. The message is unclear or contains mechanical errors. | Five words? Seven words?? Really??? |
| **Visual Content** | Videos and/or photos illustrate the message and add to its effectiveness. All videos are shot horizontally. Editing is smooth/not distracting. | Videos and/or photos illustrate the message. Most videos are shot horizontally. Editing is usually smooth/not distracting. | Videos and/or photos are included, but they may not be related to the message. Videos are shot vertically. Editing is distracting. | Calling this black screen “minimalism” won’t work this time.  |
| **Length** | Story is the “perfect” length (doesn’t feel too long or too short)—it’s about 30 seconds to one minute. | Story needs to be edited down or have content added—it’s shorter than 30 seconds or longer than 90 seconds. | Story is way too short or too long—it’s shorter than 15 seconds or longer than two minutes. | I blinked and missed it. Or I took a nap and it’s still going. |

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