INSTRUCTOR GUIDE

Follow a story across sources

85 minutes, including 60 minutes of live material. Small teams reconstruct a developing story and write a short report with clear attribution.

Learning outcomes

- Build a timeline that distinguishes when events happened from when reports reached the desk.
- Identify what each wire, post or inbox message actually supports.
- Explain a discrepancy or an unanswered question in the final report.

Set up the newsroom

Choose a 60-minute exercise with Newswire, Social Media and Inbox. In **Private rehearsal**, find a story that appears in all three feeds. Use one with a clear development over time and enough evidence to compare how the sources frame it. Tell teams which story to follow and set a deadline after the relevant items arrive.

Share the newsroom link and password. Teams can submit a report and timeline on your class platform. If using **Publication desk**, create one story slot per team and hand out team codes.

Run the lesson

1. **0-10 minutes.** Explain the brief and assign one student to each feed.
2. **10-35 minutes.** Start the feeds. Teams start a shared timeline and compare the first reports.
3. **35-70 minutes.** Teams note what new items add, decide which details to use and draft the report.
4. **70-85 minutes.** Teams submit the timeline and report. Compare where two teams drew the line between confirmed and unresolved information.

STUDENT BRIEF

Report what you can establish

1. Divide **Wires**, **Social** and **Inbox** among your team. Record when each item appeared, who supplied the information and what it adds.
2. Build a timeline of the main developments. Include at least one useful item from each feed. Keep event times and release times in separate columns.
3. Pick one detail that is disputed or uncertain. Decide whether to attribute it, describe the uncertainty or leave it out.
4. Write a headline and a 100-150-word report. Lead with the most important verified development. Identify the sources of claims you use.

Hand in

Submit the timeline and report, plus two sentences explaining how you handled the uncertain detail. If your instructor set up a team desk, put the report there and submit the timeline separately.