

Magazine Cover & Article

Objective: You will create a magazine cover with you as the main feature, based on your interests, hobbies or achievements. For example: Your teacher might be featured on *Education Week*, maybe an athlete on *Sports Illustrated*, or someone who is interested in starting their own business on *Money Magazine*. In addition, you will write a 2 page article about yourself.

Magazine Cover

Part 1

Select the magazine that you would like to see yourself on the cover of. Use Google Image Search to find an image of your magazine cover. Open another browser window to: <http://www.myfonts.com/WhatTheFont/>. Use this website to help you find what font is used on your magazine cover.

Part 2

Write 5 teasers. These are the short phrases that appear on the magazine cover that give some of the highlights of that issue. They do not need to be in complete sentences. However, they should be exciting to read, grammatically correct with no spelling errors. These should be related to the topic of your magazine.

Part 3

Take 3 photos. You'll need one photo of yourself to be the main photo. It needs to be high resolution so that it can fill the majority of the page without being grainy or pixelated. You'll take 2 more photos that relate to 2 of the teasers you've written. You do not have to be in them. If you are in them, make sure they are very different photos. These do not need to be as high resolution as the first photo because they will be smaller on the cover. You may need to use Photoshop to clean up your photos or use selection tools to delete the background.

Part 4

Use InDesign to create the magazine cover and article. Your new document should be set up as: Letter size with 3p0 margins, 1p6 bleed, 3 pages, facing,

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portrait, 2 columns (for use with the article), 2p0 gutter. Use layers to help organize your InDesign document. You may use Photoshop to edit photos as needed.

Be sure to include the following **REQUIREMENTS** for the cover:

1. Title of Magazine (with same or similar font as the real publication)
2. Article Teasers (with same or similar font as the real publication). Written well. Wrapped around photos, shapes as needed.
3. Photos – 3 or more. Main photo will fill the page.
4. Issue Date and Price – this should be the newsstand price of the real magazine. The date of the magazine should be the day you finish and turn it in.
5. Barcode – it is usually located near the Issue Date and Price. Use shapes, but does not count as one of your shapes.
6. Shapes – 3 or more.
7. Effects – 2 or more.
8. Follow the Principles of Design for alignment, contrast, proximity, repetition and white space.
9. Grammar and Spelling – 5 points will be deducted for each misspelled word and poorly constructed phrases/sentences. It is not necessary to write teasers in complete sentences, but the reader should immediately understand the topic.

Magazine Article

You are on the cover of a magazine. It's all about you! You will write an article about yourself. It should be written in 3rd person (someone is writing about you).

At least part of the article should be factual. What have you done in your life up to this point? It can include information about your family, friends, hobbies, school, etc. Part of the article can be fictional, or what you hope to be when you get older. You can write about your future family, degrees from Harvard, Grammy awards, etc.

The article should fill 2 pages. It should have 2 columns per page.

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Be sure to include the following **REQUIREMENTS** for the article:

1. Heading/title for the article.
2. The content should be easy to read with a font size of 12 pt.
3. Leading or line spacing should be 15 pt.
4. Two photographs (in graphic frames) of you with text wrapped appropriately.
5. Two shapes that add to the overall graphic design on the article.
6. Two or more effects applied. Don't overdo it.
7. Drop cap.
8. Page numbers at the bottom of each page of the article.
9. Any additional methods you have learned that will enhance the overall look and feel of the magazine and article.