**Flipboard Magazine Assignment**

**Objective**

Using Flipboard, an easy-to-use app that lets you curate your own magazine, students will create a list of their top 10 news stories from 2017 to share with your teacher.

Students’ choice of articles will give others an opportunity to know a little more about their lives and what events mattered to them.

**Main activity**

What’s the main idea?

Since the new year just began, it’s a good time for students to reflect on what news events from 2017. Let students know they will each create their own magazine made up of 10 articles from 2017 that impacted their life the most. Some events will come to mind right away, but others may take a little jogging.

**Getting started**

Students should sign up for a Flipboard account on their computers.

First off, a lot of stories will appear on students’ screens once they make an account. Ask students if they notice the three icons on the top right of each article. They are:

* a red circle with a plus sign allows you to “flip” or add articles to your magazine
* a heart sign which allows you to “like” the article
* and an icon of an envelope in order to share the article with a friend via email or Twitter or Facebook.

**Create your magazine**

1. First, have students write a few lines about themselves for their account profile. Again, they do not have to use their real name.
2. Next, students should create their magazine by clicking on their account button (small circle in the upper-right corner of the page) and then hit “Create Magazine.”
3. They should give their magazine an original title relating to the end-of-the-year and write a brief summary of their magazine. This will let their friends and family know what their project is about and why they included the articles they did.
4. Search for articles

Next, students should search for articles of events they want to include in their magazine by using the “Search” button in the top right-hand corner, which lets them browse by topics, sources, and people.

In order to help jog your memories as to what events took place over the last year, you can also check out the “Categories.” A slew of articles will come up, searching for articles that speak to them.

Remember in order to “flip” (a.k.a. include articles in their magazine) the article, you need to hover over it until they see the red circle with a plus sign. Click on it and add it to your magazine.

Once you have chosen your **10 articles**, you can go back to the summary and make any necessary edits.

* Add a caption to each article

For each article, write down a caption that explains why you chose the article or how the story affected you.

To do this, you should click on their magazine and hit the “Edit” button at the bottom of the screen.

Hover over the article and you will see a red box that says “Click to edit.” Hit that box and you will see space for a caption. Add a sentence or two explaining what interested you about the story.

**Don’t forget to click “Save.”**

In order to see the caption, click on your account located on the top right of the screen and click once more on your magazine.

To see the full caption, you’ll need to click on “Add comment” in the bottom left of the article. You may need to remind your readers to do this, so they can see what you wrote. When others read your caption, they may wish to respond by clicking “Start the conversation.”

**Some tips on the layout**

If you’d like to change around the layout of your magazine, click on the magazine, and you’ll see an “Edit” button in the bottom right corner. You will then see all of your articles on one page. If you hover over one article, you will see three icons in the top right corner:

* an “x” which lets students delete a story
* a box with a line to the left which allows students to promote the story to the cover of their magazine (this is a really neat tool!)
* an arrow which quickly allows you to move the article to the front of the magazine.

**Share away**

Once you have completed their magazine, you should share it me by clicking the “Share” button on the bottom right of the screen once they have opened up their magazine.

**Rubric**

Create a Flipboard account (15 points)

Create a new magazine (10 points)

Add 10 articles to add to your magazine (50 points)

Write captions for the 10 articles added (15 points)

Share with me (10 points)

Total = **100**