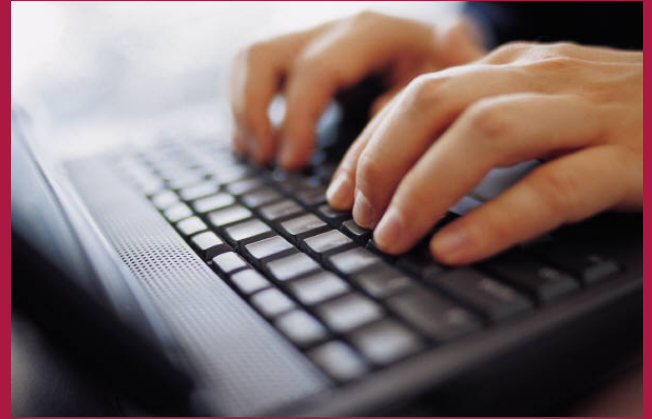


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Week 18, First Day

- SELEs
- Current events
(written)
- E-Portfolio





Quote of the Day

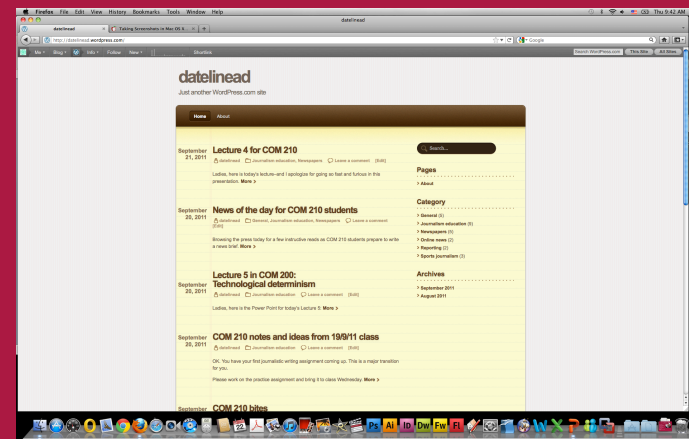
“This paperback is very interesting, but I find it will never replace a hardcover book. It makes a very poor doorstop.”

—Alfred Hitchcock

Class website

Visit our website early and often:

<http://datelinead.wordpress.com/>



Action verbs



- accept
- assess
- define
- distinguish
- explain
- read
- said
- show
- summarize

Writing



- What did you learn about writing this semester?

Writing



- Audience
- Who+What+When+Where+How
+Why
- Main action verb
- Specific nouns
- Correct (copy editing v.
proofreading)

E-portfolio contents

- CV (updated)
- A cover letter to a real media/communication company, addressed to an actual editor or human resources manager
- Two articles from this semester
- Your biography

Curriculum Vitae

- A document that tells a potential employer your personal professional history

Cover letter

- A business letter to a potential employer telling why he/she should hire you

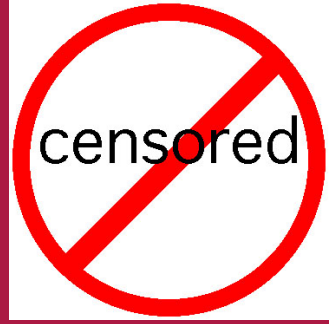
Possible work examples

- ZUMEFF preview (Ritter interview)
- Restaurant review (correct and email to me with a photo for publication in Zajel)
- Fatema Al Khateeb profile
- Film review from ZUMEFF
- How-to piece (Section 003 only)

What is seditious libel?

- Seditious libel is not criminal libel
- It is when a journalist criticizes the powers that be
- In nations with seditious libel laws, criticizing the government is problematic
- Some nations will send persons to prison for years for seditious libel—Marcus Garvey, Mohandas K. Gandhi
- Was it published; did it harm the reputation of the government official
- Truth as a defense (not in the U.A.E.)

Prohibited



- Criticizing royal family of the UAE and GCC nations
- Negative remarks about Islam or the Prophet Muhammad
- Importing news from the outside
- Subversive materials
- Publishing official documents
- Private life information
- Negative information about UAE economy; tarnishing the image of the nation
- Insulting teenagers

Rankings (2014)



- UAE ranks 114th in press freedom
 - # 20: Canada
 - # 29: U.K.
 - # 32: U.S.
 - # 101: Lebanon
 - # 140: India
 - # 173: China

*-Source: Reporters Without Borders

Proposed Media Law of 2009



- Specifically prohibit government from jailing a journalist for doing their job
- In line with 2007 decree by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

Media Law of 2009

- Critics complain gives too much power to government
- Article 32
 - Penalizes journalists up to AED5 million for ‘disparaging’ government officials, members of the royal family or Islam
- Article 33
 - Which fines journalists up to AED500,000 for harming the nation’s image and reporting ‘misleading’ information on the economy

Media Law of 2009



- Still awaits signature of President Shaikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan

Tuesday/Thursday

- Final exam: Finish E-portfolio.
- Make sure everything is corrected before you put in your E-portfolio.
- Send me your ccms number or your URL (if you did not do your E-portfolio on the CCMS serve).
- Send me your food review for extra credit; make sure you have corrected it. Needs a second platform (photo or audio).