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## Using the *Daily Yomiuri* for an editorial group work class

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### Appendix A

#### Year round up news broadcast.

On the next page are 20 news stories chosen by *Yomiuri Shimbun* readers as the top 10 national news stories and the top 10 international news stories of 2008. Imagine your group is producing a TV or radio program to round up the news of 2008.

You do not have time to do all 20 stories. So, your tasks are these:

#### Task 1.

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Choose 10 of these 20 stories for your program. You must choose a mixture of national and international stories – no more than 6 from either of the lists and no fewer than 4. (That means you can choose 6 national, or 5 national or 4 national stories, but not as many as 7 or only 3.)

#### Task 2.

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After you've chosen your 10 stories you need to decide the 'running order'. That means the order in which you tell your stories, starting with the first item to tell the viewers and listeners going down to the tenth. (Think about which stories should start and end your program, and how they should follow on from each other.)

#### Task 3.

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Finally, you need to identify each story with a 'slug' – a short phrase to call the story. For example, *Beijing hosts 29<sup>th</sup> Olympic Games* could be called **Olympics**; *7 killed in Akihabara street rampage* could be **Akihabara killings**.

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## Top 10 National News Stories

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- **Chinese-made gyoza causes food poisonings.** In January, February and August, there were cases of people needing hospital treatment apparently after eating gyoza made in China.
- **Fukuda quits; Aso becomes prime minister.** After only a year in office, Yasuo Fukuda suddenly resigned as PM in Sept and Taro Aso easily won the contest among the LDP members to become the next head of the party and the next PM.
- **Japanese, Japan-born scientists win Nobels.** Yoichiro Nambu, Makoto Kobayashi & Toshihide Masukawa jointly won the the Nobel Prize in Physics; Osamu Shimomura, professor emeritus at Boston Univ., won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry with 2 American scientists; he has done most of his research on jelly fish. The prizes brought the total number of Japanese Nobel laureates to 16.
- **Japan wins 9 Olympic golds.** Japan won 9 gold medals, 6 silvers and 10 bronzes at the summer Olympics in Beijing. Highlights included medals for the swimmer Kosuke Kitajima, the women's softball team, Saori Yoshida in the women's wrestling and for Masato Uchishiba in judo.
- **7 killed in Akihabara street rampage.** In June, Tomohiro Kato drove a truck into 5 people in Tokyo's Akihabara district. He then stabbed people on the street, killing 7 people & injuring 10 others. **New health insurance system for elderly.** A new medical insurance system for people aged 75 and over was launched. It was aimed at cutting health care spending, but was criticized for automatically withholding fees paid to elderly people.
- **2 killed in attacks targeting ex-bureaucrats.** Takeshi Koizumi was charged with murdering a former Health and Welfare Ministry official and his wife and the attempted murder of the wife of another former official. Apparently said it was revenge for the death of his childhood pet dog.
- **Stock market hits record post-bubble low.** On Oct.27, the Nikkei closed at 7,162.9 points, the lowest close since the collapse of the bubble economy.
- **Iwate-Miyagi Inland Earthquake kills 13.** A 7.2 magnitude earthquake hit Iwate Prefecture in June and killed 13 people and left 10 more missing.
- **G-8 summit held in Hokkaido.** The G-8 summit was held in Toyakocho, Hokkaido in July. World leaders agreed to fight global warming.

## Top 10 International Stories

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- **Barrack Obama elected US President.** In Nov., Democrat Barrack Obama beat Republican candidate John McCain in the presidential election. He'll be the first black US president.
- **About 69,000 die in Sichuan earthquake.** The earthquake in May, in Sichuan province, China. Also caused a further 18,000 to be listed as missing; more than 10 million people lost their homes.
- **US financial crisis spreads around the world.** Banks and companies faced collapse and most industrialized countries hit a recession.
- **Beijing hosts 29<sup>th</sup> Olympic Games.** A record 204 countries took part in the games which were started with a spectacular opening ceremony.
- **Crude oil prices reach all-time high.** In July oil reached an all-time high of \$146.27 per barrel but later slumped to as low as \$35.
- **Myanmar ravaged by Cyclone Nargis.** The cyclone hit Myanmar for 3 days in May and left more than 130, 800 people dead or missing.
- **Terrorist attacks in Mumbai, India.** Terrorists (possibly Pakistan-based Islamic extremists) attacked 2 up-market hotels and the train station in Mumbai, killing at least 163 people including one Japanese.
- **Large-scale riots erupt in Tibet.** In March riots broke out against Chinese rule. Protestors were

injured or killed by Chinese soldiers when the govt. moved to stop the unrest.

- **Olympic torch relay hindered by protests.** There were protests against China's crackdown on the Tibet protests in places such as Paris, London, Istanbul & Nagano, when the Olympic torch was carried round the world in the months before the games.
- **Bird flu death toll passes 100.** There are still concerns that bird flu is spreading through various countries in Asia. In January the virus killed its 101<sup>st</sup> human victim.

## Appendix B



## Appendix C

