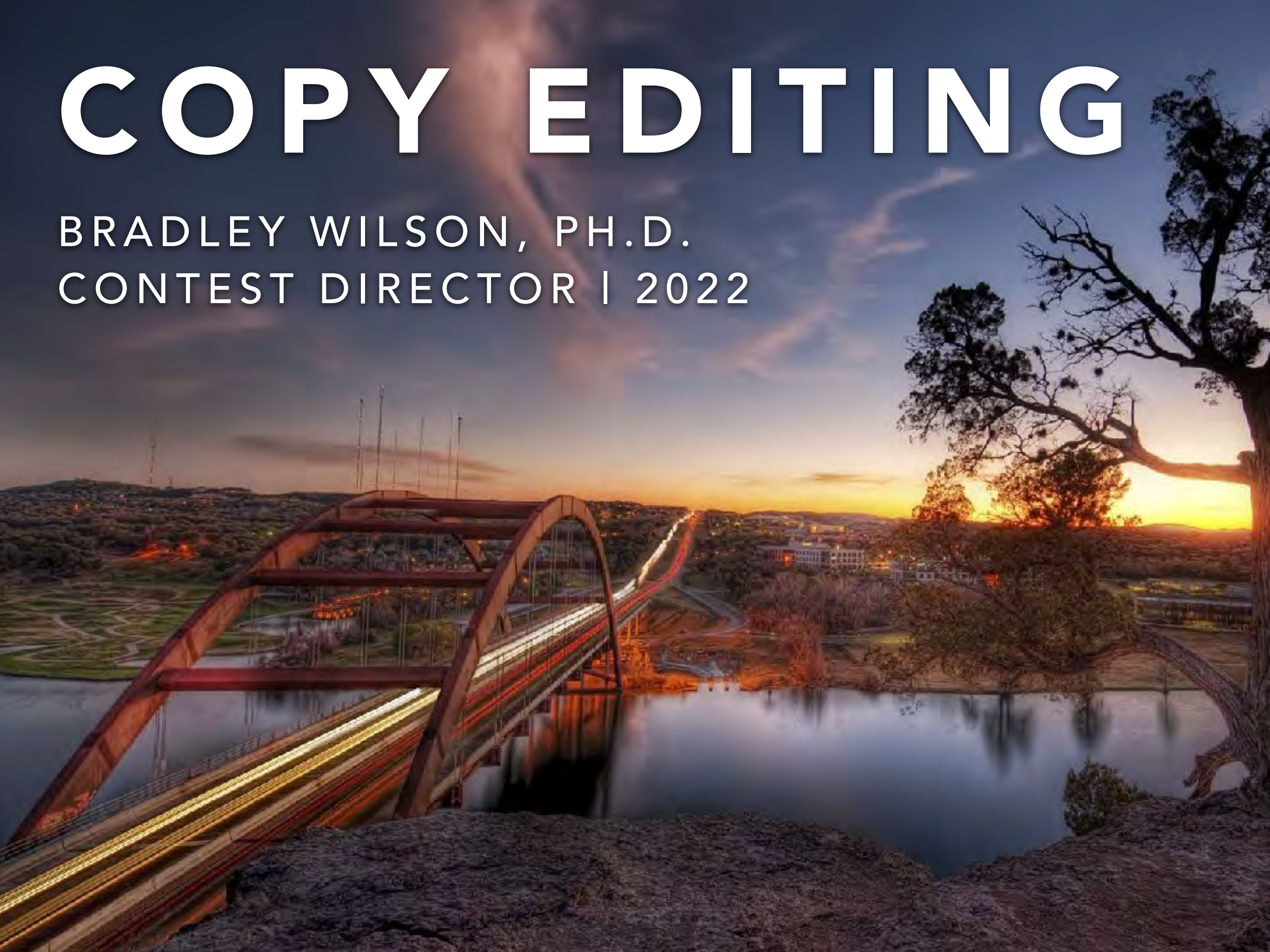


# COPY EDITING

BRADLEY WILSON, PH.D.  
CONTEST DIRECTOR | 2022





**EVERYONE NEEDS  
A COPY EDITOR**



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We want to insure  
all customers have  
they privacy





CORONAVIRUS

# HARRIS COUNTY MASK ORDER

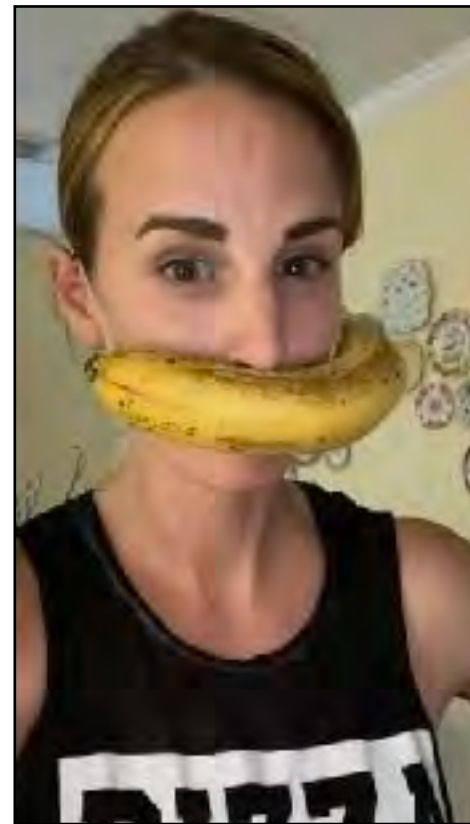
FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED IN PUBLIC

- Face masks required starting Monday April 27th through 30 days
- 10 years and older must wear face coverings
- Homemade masks, scarfs, bananas
- Possible \$1,000 fine for not wearing face covering



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Bakery hygiene

please use the tongs provided  
for picking up loose items.

Do not touch by the  
Portuguese Custard Cream  
1 EACH

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PLEASE  
USE  
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TO PICK  
PASTRIES.  
THX







**copy editor** Seldom a formal title.  
Also: copy editing, copy edit.



# WHY STUDY COPY EDITING?

## Marketable skills

- attention to detail
- teamwork
- ability to meet deadlines
- time management
- problem solving
- cultural awareness





# WHAT IT'S NOT

- a headline writing contest
- a current events contest
- a spelling contest





# WHAT IT IS



a contest that focuses on editing,  
including

- knowledge of current events
- grammar, spelling, punctuation, style
- sentence structure, including passive voice and word choice
- media law and ethics

# HIGH-LEVEL EDITING



- Are there any legal issues (libel)?
- Did the reporter interview the right people?
- Did the reporter interview enough people?
- Did the reporter ask the right questions?
- Does the story cover all sides?
- Is the story in context?



abc NEWS HOME VIDEO U.S. WORLD

# Ebola in America: Timeline Virus

Oct. 24, 2014, 9:09 AM ET  
by SYDNEY LUDKIN and W...

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166 Comments

Doctor Tests Positive for Ebola

Ebola, a virus that is effective most populous city with the

The Ebola outbreak in West Africa has killed 1,977 of them as of Oct. 22, World Health Organization.

Find out how the virus first treatment this summer — and who flew from Liberia to Texas.

Oct. 24, 2014 — Dallas nurse is virus-free, the National Infection Control

Oct. 23, 2014 — Dr. Craig A. isolation at Bellevue Hospital gastrointestinal symptoms where he was working with conference that Spencer or with "very few" people. He

New York Better!: Of

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## Ebola-free, Dallas nurse returns to North Texas

Jessica Gresko, Associated Press 8:17 a.m. CDT October 23, 2014



Pham arrived at Meacham Airport in Fort Worth just before midnight Friday

Dallas nurse Nina Pham — declared Friday to be free of the Ebola virus — is back home in North Texas after a whirlwind Friday that included a meeting with President Obama.

Pham arrived at Meacham Airport in Fort Worth just before midnight Friday.

Care life pilot Jason Davis said he flew Pham back to Texas and said, "she's great." Davis described Pham as being in "great spirits."

Pham had no comments for the media on her return, but Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas — her employer — released a photo showing a smiling young woman with her father, Peter, being presented with scrubs that had been signed by hospital colleagues.

Pham got a hug from the president in the Oval Office at the White House. And outside the hospital where she had been since last week, she was embraced by the nation's precious disease chief, who oversaw her care.

you should know is that it's not very contagious — "Common sense and observation tell us that spread of the virus via coughing or sneezing is rare, if it happens at all," the World Health Organization says. It's spread through frequent contact with bodily fluids and can be spread only by someone who is showing symptoms.

DFW passengers subdue homophobic assailant  
Oct. 25, 2014, 3:45 p.m.

Carter: States should decide gay marriage, not feds  
Oct. 25, 2014, 11:05 a.m.

Uncut: Frenchy's last stand?  
Oct. 25, 2014, 10:00 a.m.

White House working on new Ebola guidelines  
Oct. 25, 2014, 3:59 p.m.

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An anatomy of a journal is colla

BY SHEILA CORONEL, STEVE COLL, DEREK FRAVITZ | April 5, 2015

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## 'A Rape on Campus'

# What Went Wrong?

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: Last November, we published a story, "A Rape on Campus" [RS 1223], that centered around a University of Virginia student's horrifying account of her alleged gang rape at a campus fraternity house. Within days, commentators started to question the veracity of our narrative. Then, when The Washington Post uncovered details suggesting that the assault could not have taken place the way we described it, the truth of the story became a problem of

## AROUND THE WEB



### The 10 Things You Missed in the 'GoT' Finale

**Readers:**



## How to Tell if an Actor is Bad

### Characters Who Are Still Alive in the Books

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# CULTURAL LITERACY



Expect temperatures to be at coldest on Friday morning, near freezing.

**By Patrick Beach**  
pbeach@statesman.com

Yes, it'll be at least 20 degrees cooler Tuesday than it was Monday, but it's not slice-open-a-tauntaun-like-Luke-Skywalker-in-"The-Empire-Strikes-Back" cold.

On the other hand, you'll

## CORRECTION

■ A story about Austin's cold weather on Tuesday's Page B1 incorrectly identified the character who sliced open a tauntaun to stay warm in "The Empire Strikes Back." It was Han Solo.

# MID-LEVEL EDITING



- Does the story flow well? Has the reporter made good use of transitions?
- Are sentences structured correctly?
- Has writer made appropriate use of passive voice?
- Is vocabulary appropriate for the audience?
- Is math correct?
- Is geography correct?



# CULTURAL SENSITIVITY



Officials at Mesquite High School in Mesquite, Texas, have recalled their recently distributed school yearbooks after it was discovered the books described some students with special needs as "mentally retarded," KDFW-TV reports.

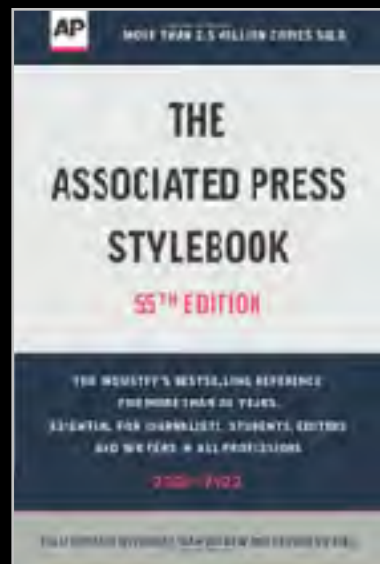
"Some of the disabilities the students in the Special Education Program have are being blind, deaf or non-verbal," school spokeswoman Laura Jobe told the

ion, describing the offending language.

ording to KDFW, school officials confiscated the yearbooks after parents and lents objected to the language and called it "appalling and disgraceful."

ere was an oversight in the editing approval process," Jobe told the *Dallas Morning News*. "Those who work inside the special education department know se requirements."

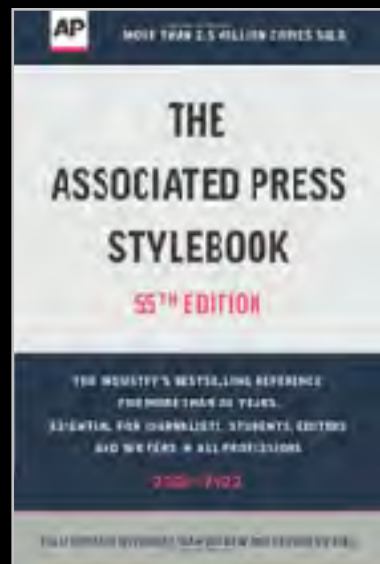
- Avoiding sexist writing
- Being insensitive
- Cultural awareness



**mentally disabled, intellectually disabled, developmentally disabled** The preferred terms, not mentally retarded.

**disabled, handicapped** In general, do not describe an individual as disabled or handicapped unless it is clearly pertinent to a story. If a description must be used, try to be specific.





**firefighter, fireman** The preferred term to describe a person who fights fire is firefighter.

**mailman** Mail or letter carrier is preferable.


**transsexual** Use transgender to describe individuals who have acquired the physical characteristics of the opposite sex or present themselves in a way that does not correspond with their sex at birth.

# LOW-LEVEL EDITING



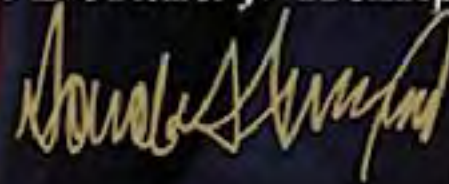
- Grammar
- Spelling
- Punctuation
- Style



A portrait of Donald Trump, President of the United States, smiling and wearing a dark blue suit, white shirt, and red tie. The background is a solid grey.

*"No dream is too big,  
no challenge is too great.  
Nothing we want for the future  
is beyond our reach."*

President Donald J. Trump

A gold-colored signature of Donald Trump, written in a cursive style.



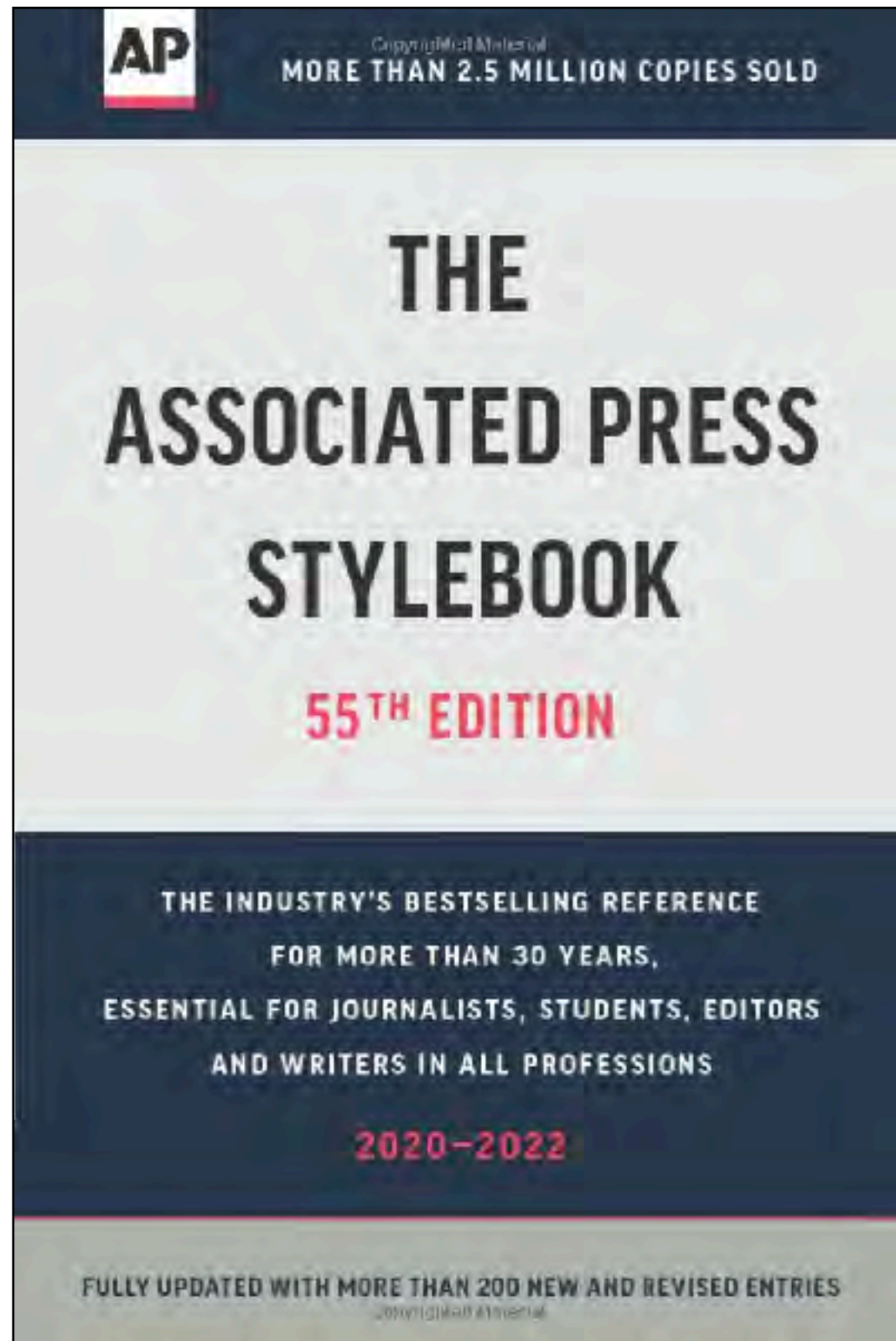
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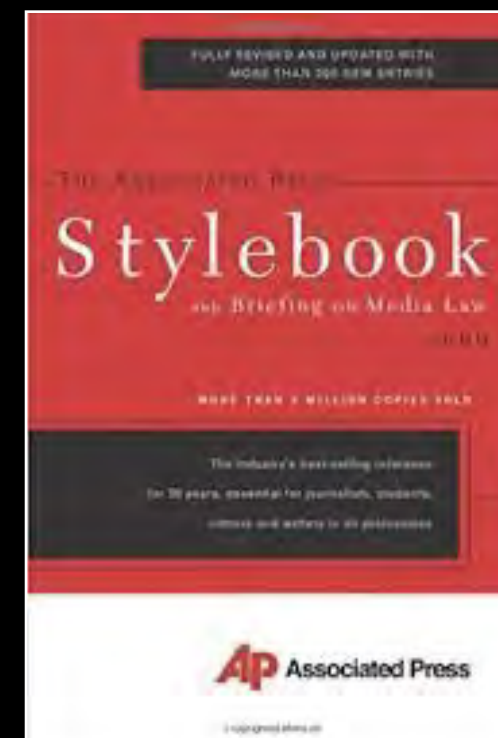
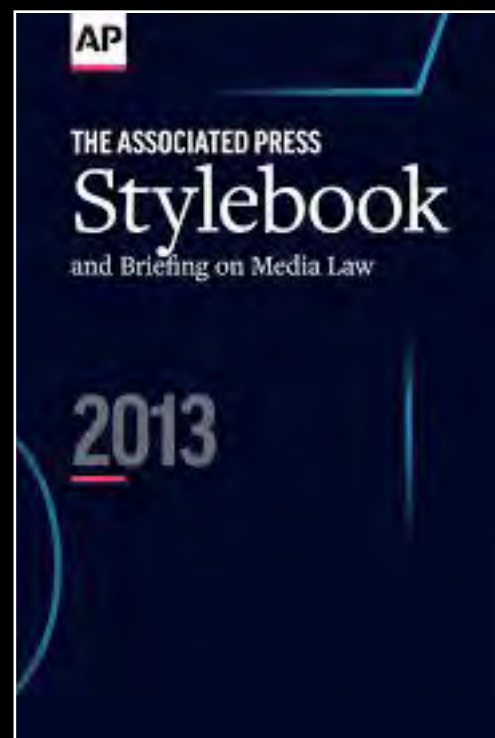
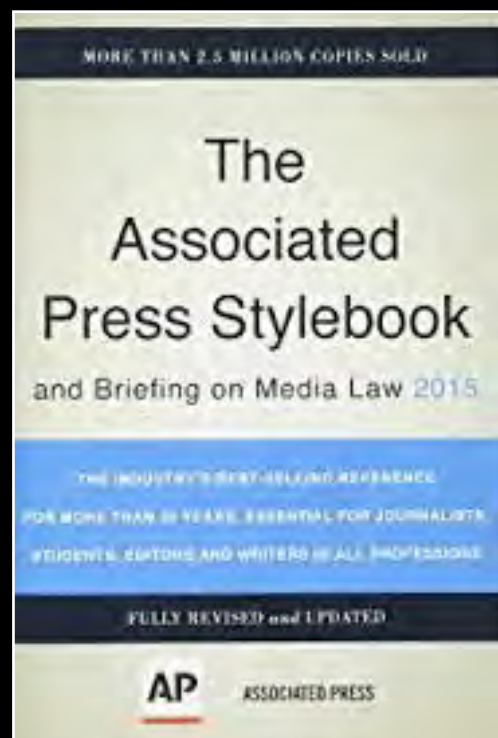
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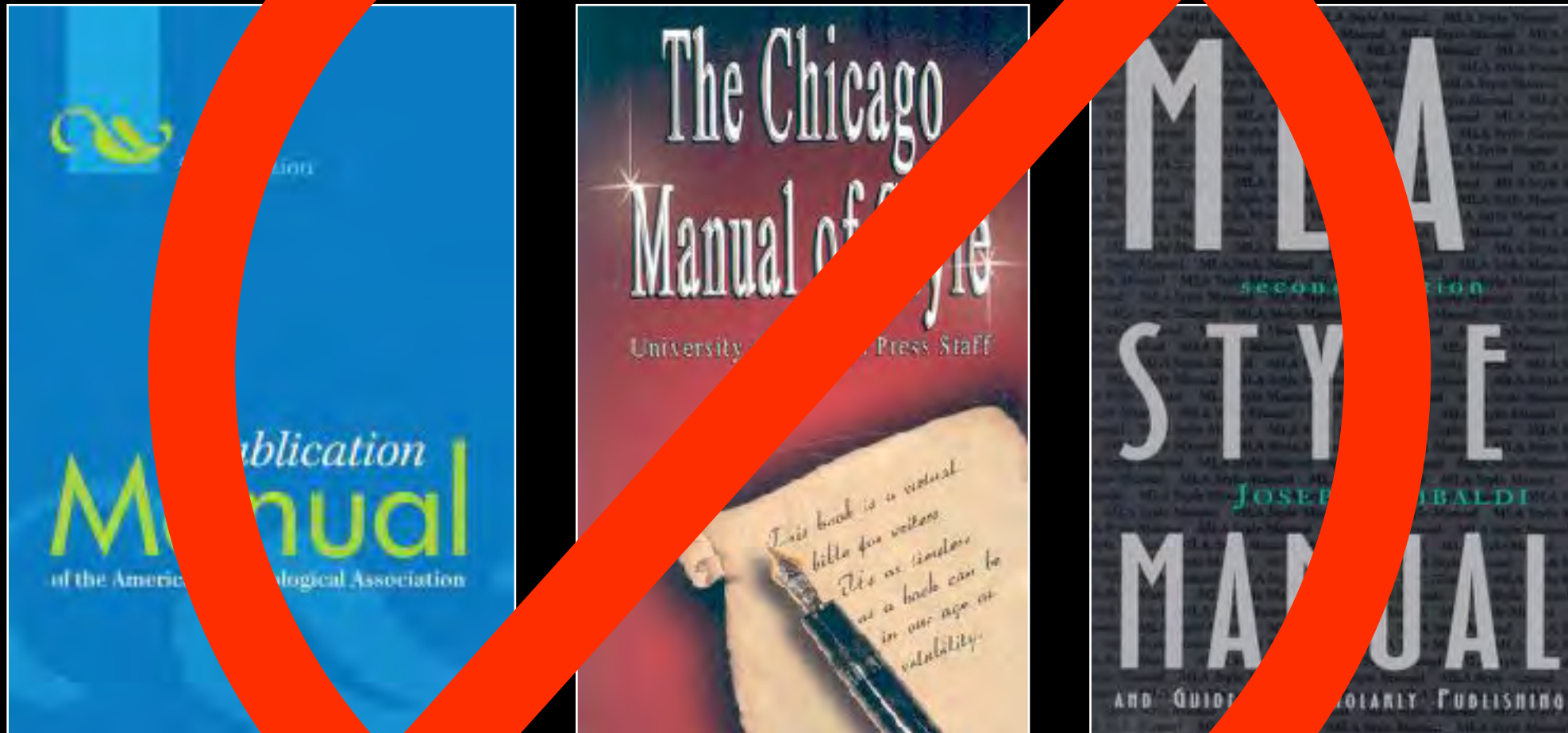






THE 2020-2022 EDITION OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS STYLEBOOK AND BRIEFING ON MEDIA LAW INCLUDES ABOUT 200 NEW OR MODIFIED ENTRIES, WITH CHAPTERS COVERING DATA JOURNALISM, BUSINESS, FASHION, FOOD, RELIGION AND SPORTS TERMS, AS WELL AS MEDIA LAW, NEWS VALUES, PUNCTUATION, SOCIAL MEDIA AND A NEW CHAPTER ON POLLS AND SURVEYS.

# STYLE





# THE AP STYLEBOOK

ARE THE CONTESTANTS ABLE TO USE  
THE AP STYLEBOOK DURING THE CONTEST?

YES.

Per the UIL Contest Rules and Regulations: "(6) Contest Materials. Contestants may use an electronic or printed thesaurus, dictionary and Associated Press Stylebook during the News, Feature, Editorial, Headline and Copy Editing contests. No other reference materials shall be used."

[HTTPS://WWW.UILTEXAS.ORG/POLICY/CONSTITUTION/ACADEMICS/JOURNALISM](https://www.uilTEXAS.org/policy/constitution/academics/journalism)

# SYMBOLS

## Proofreader's Marks

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		Delete space	art work	Insert parentheses	arrives May 6 (tomorrow)
IN MARGIN	IN TEXT			IN TEXT	
	Insert word or letter			set in <u>small capital letters</u>	age
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Move to left	Reverse			Insert double quotation marks (The Catbird Seat)	
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Align vertically	More			Insert hyphen (first-class)	
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No paragraph				Insert em dash (required courses--stand-alones or clusters)	sis
Run in				Insert question mark (Who's on first)	James
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	superscript or subscript ( $\pi r^2$ or $H_2O$ )				
	spell out (set 1 hr. as one hour)				



SYMBOLS

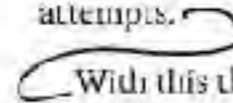




USE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD  
EDITING SYMBOLS.

# SYMBOLS

## SEE P. 519 OF THE 2020-2022 STYLEBOOK.

Students will NOT be penalized for using other symbols. It is up to the judges to determine if marks are "clearly understood."

# Editing marks

	HONG KONG (AP) — The organization said Thursday. <u>It was the first and last attempts.</u>	indent for paragraph paragraph no paragraph
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LET'S LOOK AT A TEST

# PART 1

CONTESTANT NUMBER

## COPY EDITING CONTEST STATE 2019

**DIRECTIONS:** This test is divided into three sections. Write all your responses as indicated. Editing should be made using *The Associated Press Stylebook 2018* version. Students are not held accountable for updates made after the book was published. You have 15 minutes.

**PART 1: Circle the correct response. (1 pt. each)**

1. The two men are close friends and have appeared **side-by-side** / **side by side** frequently since Abbott took office.
2. Research has found that boys are more **affected** / **effected** than girls.
3. The **mugshots** / **mug shots** of each of the criminals are available to the media.
4. The grand marshal of the Macy's Day Parade gave his **counsel** / **council** / **council** about the order of the floats.
5. Each of the participants from St. Mary's All-Girl Catholic School took **her/their** turn at "koinonia" at the spelling bee.
6. It's easy to see the difference between **she** / **her** and me.
7. She must **of** / **have** driven around the block three times before finding a parking spot.
8. There's not much to look **forwards** / **forward** to on the stock market.
9. The director gave the solos to five top-notch players, splitting time **among** / **between** tuba, trombone, euphonium and trumpet players.
10. At the home show, the vendors displayed quite a variety of **whirlpool spas** / **jacuzzis**.
11. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez will be the youngest member of the 116th Congress. She is in her **20s** / **20's** / **twenties**.
12. My favorite style is **Southern fried chicken** / **southern fried chicken**.
13. On March 10, 2019, **daylight saving time** / **Daylight Saving Time** / **daylight savings time** begins.
14. He enjoys his chai tea latte with **espresso** / **expresso**.
15. The paramedics administered **Narcan** / **naloxone** to the student who had apparently overdosed on opioids.



# PART 1

## GRADING

There is some subjectivity involved in all editing. If you find an error in the answer key, report it to the UIL office

Answer Key

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## UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

# COPY EDITING CONTEST

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#### Tips for judges

**Part 1**  
There is some subjectivity involved in all editing. If you find an error in the answer key, report it to the UIL office.

**No. 5** There is no reason to believe that there should be an exception to the rule about using plural pronouns in this case. Each takes a singular verb and singular pronouns.

# PART 2

Part 2: Edit the following sentences to eliminate/correct **FOUR (and only four)** errors in wordiness, AP style, grammar, spelling or punctuation in each of the five statements below. Use clearly understood editing symbols. **Judges will consider only the first four corrections marked. Any others will be ignored. Compound errors such as changing "First Lady" to "first lady" will be considered as one error.** (2 pts. each)

CONTESTANT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

## UIL COPY EDITING STATE 2019

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2. Brad Weldon has lived in Paradise, CA his entire life, and wasn't about to leave his home or his blind, ninety-year-old Mother behind when the fire hit. And Weldon, a Firefighter himself, is not going to leave now that the fire is gone, though not much is left of the town he remembers.
3. Nobel Peace Prize Recipient, Denis Mukwege, the helper who devoted his life to defending victims of war crimes said an important part of his life have been the people that stood by me.
4. Its a tradition. He gave his mother, the First Lady of the United States, an extravagant gift on the occasion of the state of the union speech. In spite of everything.
5. As the national debt approaches \$21.8 billion and the deficit approached \$800 billion, Treasury secretary Adam J. Szubin suggested that the rising deficit was the result of "irresponsible and unnecessary spending".



# PART 2

## GRADING

Four errors.

There is some subjectivity in all editing. If a student finds another "error" or rewrites a sentence, the judges will have to consider how to award points.

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Answer Key

Part 2: Edit the following sentences to correct FOUR errors in wordiness, AP style, grammar, spelling or punctuation in each of the five items. Use clearly understood editing symbols. (2 pts. each)

### Notes for judges

Students may choose, particularly in No. 1, to rewrite the sentence in other ways. It is up to judges how to award points if students choose alternative methods. In particular, they could change "their" to "its" or change "team" to "players." That pronoun problem is one error.

### Tips for Judges

#### Part 2

Here are four errors per item.

If fixing one error creates another, it counts as one. For example, in the fourth sentence, removing "mutual" requires the editor to change "d" to "an." That is all one error.

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This section is worth a maximum of 10 points.

To facilitate grading, put an X over the number of a question that is completely wrong. Write the point value assigned to each question out to the side. Award questions with either a 0, a 0.5, a 1, a 1.5 or 2.

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5. As the national debt approaches \$21.8 <sup>tr</sup> billion and the deficit approached \$640 billion in the fall of 2017, Treasury secretary <sup>Steven Mnuchin</sup> ~~Adam W. Smith~~ suggested that the rising deficit was the result of "irresponsible and unnecessary spending." <sup>0</sup>

# PART 2

CONTESTANT NUMBER

## UIL COPY EDITING STATE 2019

**Part 3: In the space provided, edit the following news brief to make the wording clear, to eliminate wordiness as well as any errors in AP style, grammar, spelling or punctuation. You do NOT have to rewrite the news brief. Make notes of anything you believe needs clarification, additional research or additional reporting. PART 3 WILL BE USED ONLY TO BREAK TIES.**

**You are editing the article to be published Friday, May 3, 2019.**

Former South San Antonio ISD Supt. Abelardo Saavedra was paid more than \$188,000 after leaving the District, according to a resignation and separation agreement with the board obtained from a source who wished to remain anonymous.

Under the agreement, Saavedra was owed \$50,775 in salary he would have earned had he stayed at South San through August 11, plus \$88,237 dollars for his 82 unused days of leave. His contract was to expire at the end of the physical year and he gave up \$49,499 in pay he was entitled to in an effort to exit the district amicably, the agreement not available online said.

Trustees voted unanimously to approve successor Flores' contract earlier this month.

"The one that's responsible, ultimately, for that, is of course the superintendent," Prado said. "Why do we pay him money to leave when he's left our district in bad standing?"

The TEA was investigating South San ISD and he was its 5th superintendent in fewer than 3 years when he was hired in 2014, having recently retired as superintendent of Houston ISD, the state's largest.



# PART 3

## GRADING

Judges should compare the papers of students who tied, ranking them accordingly.

### Answer Key

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### Notes for judges

Students need to find some way to deal with the anonymous source problem. This appears to be an unverified even though it's available online. Is this a fake document?

more than, over  
Acceptable in all uses to indicate greater numerical value. So, either more than or over could be accepted in this case. However, more than is more clear.

### Tips for judges

Part 3  
This section is ONLY ranked to break a tie in the combined scores of parts 1 and 2. Assign no points.

Judges should compare the papers of students who tied, ranking them accordingly.

When grading part 3, holistically read the changes the student indicated starting with the highest level of editing. Remember, there are multiple levels of copy editing. The notes off to the side on the answer key indicate higher levels of editing errors. Those should be awarded more value if the student fixes the problem or indicates it should be fixed.

- Highest level: Are there any legal or ethical issues with the story?
- Middle level: Does the story use the right sources? Does it flow?
- Lowest level: Grammar, spelling, punctuation, style

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# CHANGES FOR 2021-2022

- **PART 3 IS NOW REQUIRED:** To have some form of tie-breaker.
- **CONTESTANTS MAY USE A DICTIONARY AND STYLE MANUAL:** To conform with other journalism contests, a dictionary and AP Stylebook may be used.
- **ADD DATELINE:** To help with correct style regarding dates and locations. Part 2 and part 3 will now include a dateline: "You are writing for the <date> issue of the Leaguetown School Press in Leaguetown, Texas."
- **CONTESTANTS MUST CORRECT SPELLING in Part 2.** To make students think about the correct answer. Don't just mark words as misspelled.
- **AP DOES PROVIDE SUGGESTED SYMBOLS:** To provide students some guidance. The "Editing marks" provided by AP on p. 519 of the current Stylebook are only recommendations designed to avoid ambiguity. Students must use clearly understood editing symbols. Judges will determine if the corrections marked are clearly understood and will NOT count off if students use symbols other than these.



# SAMPLES

Copy Edit This! Quiz No. 11

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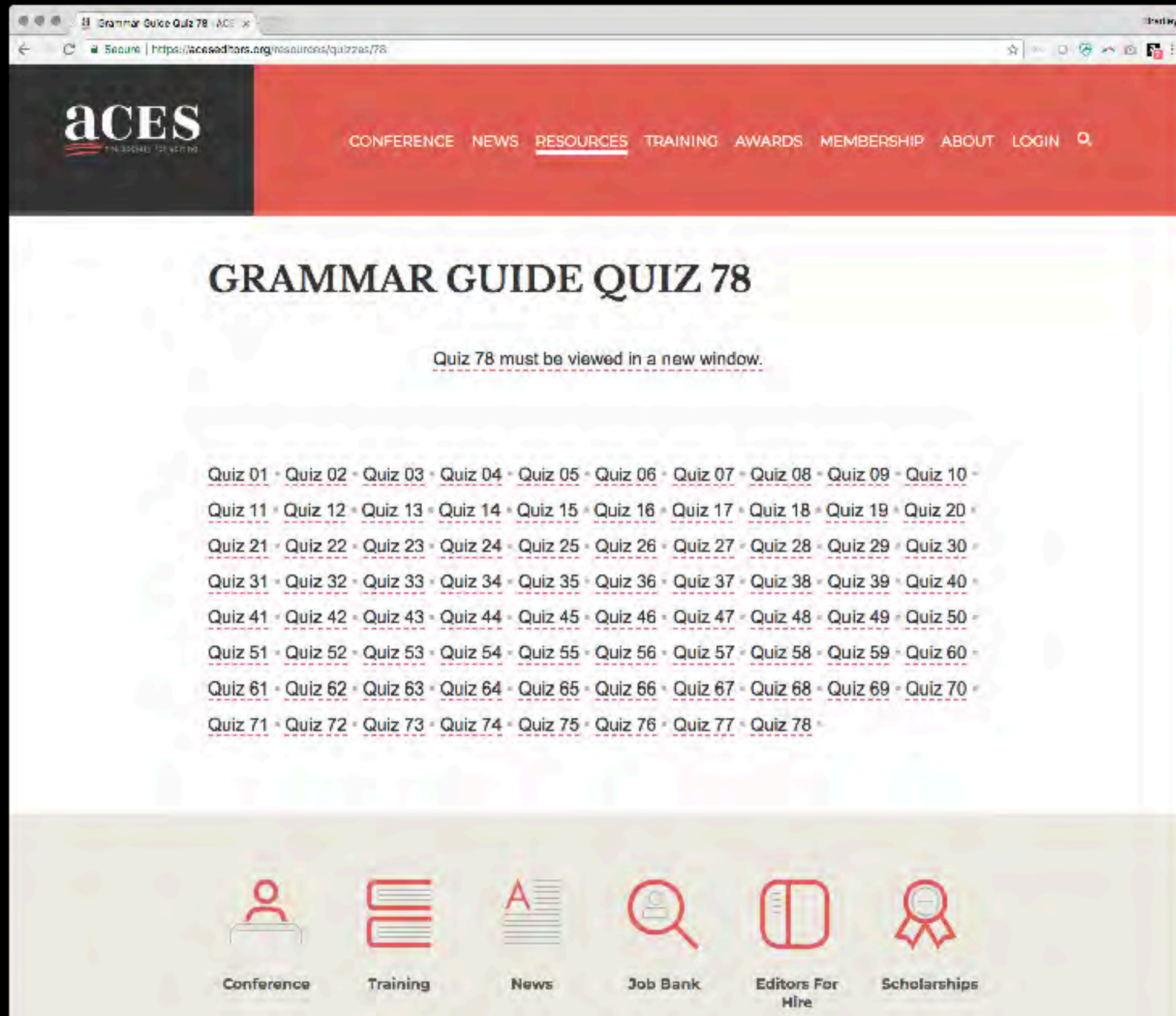
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The Times's standards editor, Philip B. Corbett, invites readers to correct grammatical errors in recent New York Times articles. You can take other quizzes [here](#).

Here's the latest installment of our copy editing quiz. Each of the passages below, from recent Times articles, contains at least one clear error in grammar or word usage. I'm not counting less-than-elegant phrasing that could be improved, or other more subjective editing judgments.

You don't have to explain the error or fix it; just click on the part you think is wrong. If I agree, you'll see my explanation. If you're off base, try again.

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