

Digital Story

50 percent of your final grade

You will be in a group of 10 of your colleagues and each group of 10 will have a story topic. Within that group, you will work with a storytelling partner and you and your partner will report on one element of that story topic.

With your partner, you are responsible to create one 90-second video on an assigned story that fits the guidelines of solutions journalism. This is where you get to put into practice what you're learning about SoJo.

Example: The story topic is food insecurity in San Marcos, Texas. Within that topic are five stories: the data and statistics, Hays County Food Bank, School Fuel, Southside Community Center and finally, are they working?

You should plan to conduct the majority of your reporting during Week Two of this course. You will see on the syllabus that I've left time for you to conduct your news gathering.

Bring your videos to our in-person meeting on Saturday, April 9. This is when you will edit your video using software on your phone or tablet, and see the stories your group members created on the same topic. Together, they should create a cohesive examination of the topic.

Guidelines and Tips

Every video must have a minimum of three sources.

Sketch out an outline for your video. This will help you know what to shoot and much you need.

Always shoot horizontal video and photographs.

Take eight or nine still photographs.

Story Topics:

For more information and details on each story topic, see the document in Resources labeled with your respective story topic. And please take advantage of the information in the instructional video I've posted in Resources for each group. These will be posted on March 30.

Poverty in San Marcos

Animals in Hays County