

J463/563: Solutions Journalism

Submit the part two and three of your Idea Memo on **Feb. 8**. Only one person in the group needs to submit it to Canvas.

*Please submit this via Canvas as a **separate** assignment from other Idea Memo assignments. For now, just put it on one page; you can incorporate it into the rest of your Idea Memo later.*

Required content

- 1) Write three possible and probable “reporting for how” questions that you might ask a program director about how the solution you’re reporting on works. Write about two sentences explaining who the source is and why you think asking these questions will be helpful to explain the solution using a “howdunit” structure. (I realize that these questions are your best guesses at this point. More helpful questions might develop as you report further. But for now, I’m looking to see your approach to “reporting for how.”)

Rubric

Total points possible: 25 (20 for content and 5 for edits)

- Edits will be graded according to editing scale in syllabus; editing scores will be converted to a 5-point scale based on the syllabus writing mechanics schema.

Content

	High (8-10 pts.)	Mid (4-7 pts.)	Low (0-3 pts.)
“Reporting for how” questions	Includes two thoughtful “reporting for how” questions.	Questions are not thoughtful or relevant to story idea.	Includes fewer than two questions.
Explanation and source identification	Explanation is thoughtful and identifies source.	Explanation is somewhat thoughtful and identifies source.	Explanation is neither thoughtful nor is source identified.