

# *Creating a Magazine Print Ad Project*

It's time to be creative and consider how you wish to influence buyers into purchasing a product. Use your knowledge of advertising and target marketing for this challenge. Complete the following steps, paying careful attention to detail. This should be your best effort.

- Choose a product that is already on the market and you are familiar with. Teacher will give final approval.
- Create a print ad for a magazine—like the ones you analyzed in class—for this product. Do Not look at any ads already published for this product; these will distract you. You need to be unique and cannot copy an old ad. Catch our attention.
- Your ad must use portrait orientation and be sized 8½ x 11. Do not have large margins, use the whole page. When printed, the printer will cut off ¼ of an inch around the whole page (do not put text/images too close to the edge).
- Remember your specific target market. Focus on product features & benefits. (Research the product)
- Pay attention to your formatting. Use proper capitalization, punctuation, and spelling. Don't forget to have clear images and effective use of space. (If you have trouble ask for help)
- You must include all 5 parts of a print ad:
  - **Headline** - attracts the readers' attention and leads them into the ad's illustration, making them want to read the copy. This is not just the product's name.
  - **Copy** - details how the product meets the customer needs that were identified in the headline. Highlights the product features & benefits.
  - **Illustration** - strong, clear images...consider your target market—who you want to buy your product—and choose images that appeal to that group. They should fit with the product benefits highlighted in the copy.
  - **Signature (Logo)** –use the one already created by the company.
  - **Slogan** – can use one already created by the company. Make sure it is appropriate for the product. If no slogan exists you will need to create your own.
- Include a QR Code which will link to your company's website for further information on the product. Have the link go directly to the product's page on the website, not the main page.

***DO YOUR BEST TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE A REAL AD FOR A REAL MAGAZINE.***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

## *Creating a Magazine Print Ad Rubric*

| Category                | 20                                                                                                                                                     | 15                                                                                                               | 10                                                                                                                                 | 5                                                                                                                                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Appearance</b>       | <p><i>All</i> space used effectively.</p> <p>Ad is eye-catching, neat, and effective in design/layout.</p>                                             | <p><i>Some</i> available space is used effectively.</p> <p>Ad is neat in design/layout.</p>                      | <p>Many spaces on paper are left blank or not effectively used.</p> <p>As is messy in layout/design.</p>                           | <p>Most space is left blank.</p> <p>Ad is extremely messy in layout/design.</p>                                                      |
| <b>Headline</b>         | The headline catches the reader's attention and leads them into the ad's illustration, making them want to read the copy.                              | The headline is appropriate to the product but lacks creative.                                                   | The headline lacks creativity and does not relate to the message of the ad.                                                        | The headline is very poorly done and only state the product's name.                                                                  |
| <b>Copy</b>             | Copy clearly and effectively provides details about how the product meets the customer's needs.                                                        | Copy describes the product but does not demonstrate how it meets the customer's needs.                           | Copy describes little about the product and does not demonstrate how it meets the customer's needs.                                | Copy does not relate to the product or theme of the ad.                                                                              |
| <b>Illustrations</b>    | <p>The illustrations are effective and enhance the message. Works well with the copy and headline.</p> <p>Illustrations are clear and easy to see.</p> | <p>The illustrations are effective and fit the message being sent.</p> <p>Illustrations are clear.</p>           | <p>The illustrations lack effectiveness but somewhat fit the message being sent.</p> <p>Illustrations are blurry or distorted.</p> | <p>The illustrations are not effective and do not fit the message being sent.</p> <p>Illustrations are very blurry and distorted</p> |
| <b>Slogan</b>           | Slogan is easy to read and very well placed within the ad.                                                                                             | Slogan is easy to read but placement needs some improvement.                                                     | Slogan is inappropriately placed or is hard to read.                                                                               | Slogan is inappropriately placed and is hard to read.                                                                                |
| <b>Signature (Logo)</b> | Signature is accurate, clear and very well placed within the ad.                                                                                       | Signature is accurate but placement or clarity needs improvement.                                                | Signature is accurate, but placement and clarity need improvement.                                                                 | Signature inaccurate or placed in a very poor position and is very blurry/distorted.                                                 |
| <b>QR Code</b>          | QR Code is extremely well formatted in size and placement. Code links directly to the product's page on the website.                                   | QR Code is somewhat appropriate in size and placement. Code links directly to the product's page of the website. | QR Code is not appropriate in size or placement. Code links to the company website but not the product page.                       | QR Code is not appropriate in size or placement. Code does not work.                                                                 |

Points will be deducted for incorrect spelling, grammar, capitalization and punctuation, as well as improper sentence and bullet formatting.

**Total Score:** \_\_\_\_\_/140