Effective Interview Practice –

* Journalism students will be paired for personal interviews.
* Each partner will interview the other with 5 interesting, open-ended questions and practice taking good notes.
* Given that information, each partner will write a short bio of the other student which answers the question: Who is This Person?
* Included in that bio should be the answers to the posed questions with at least one response in quotation format.
* Partners may help edit and revise prior to publishing.
* Students will present bios to the class as well as in blog format on our class website.

Example: See if you can figure out the 5 open-ended questions.

Who is Mrs. Clay? Not only is she our Journalism teacher, but she also teaches English 9 and English 11 Honors here at Landstown High School.   Mrs. Clay is a Virginia Beach native and 1986 graduate of First Colonial High School.  She comes from a family of educators, including her grandfather, the late Frank W. Cox who was the Superintendent of VBCPS from 1933-1968. After graduating from James Madison University (Go Dukes!), she returned to Virginia Beach to teach English.  In her 18 years of teaching, she has worked in three different schools and taught all grade levels. When asked why she became a teacher, she said, “I had a few lousy teachers in junior high and high school, and I wanted to offer what they didn’t: enthusiasm and compassion. I try every day to be positive and encouraging.” If she could choose a superpower, she quickly responded that she wanted the ability to freeze time for everyone else so she could catch up on her to-do list. “I don’t like running out of time or not being able to finish a task. I try to give 100% to everything I can, but I run myself ragged in doing so. Oh, I wish I could pause time…” Married for 15 years to her husband, Howard, Mrs. Clay loves reading, watching movies, going to the beach and the neighborhood pool, riding roller coasters, spending time with her two boys, walking her two dogs, and skiing with her family in Colorado.