

Meteorology 1010

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In this class we were asked to watch the weather program on channels, (2, 4, 5, 13) a total of three times and evaluate them in five different categories. 1. Physical set layout 2. Visual presentation 3. Personality 4. Ease of understanding and 5. Accuracy. In order to evaluate each channel we were asked to rate each category on a scale of 1(low) through 5(high) for each observance. Then once we were done with this we were asked to calculate each channels high scores and write a few paragraphs with our findings and our opinion of the best overall weather program in our personal opinion.

Overall, I feel this assignment was very educational. I personally have not previously been very interested in the weather or its programs. I feel that due to this class I have valuably become more interested both because I feel that I understand what I am watching a little more and also because I find the news and current events with familiar news casters enjoyable to watch. For me and my family I feel that I enjoyed watching channel 2 and 13s programs the most. They were both more family oriented as well as fun than the other programs I watched, although results of my research showed that all of the programs were pretty accurate.

As I studied these programs I felt that overall they were easily understood. The forecasts were simple, on point, and after watching to see if they were accurate I found that they all ranged within a few degrees of their predictions. The forecast for each program was very specific, and explained clearly. Their explanations and examples were colorful and upbeat. At first I thought that it might be a little daunting and boring but I was pleasantly surprised at how easy the programs were to watch.

The programs were very accurate when I watched them. They were sometimes only a few degrees off, but overall they were very good at explaining not only what the weather would be but why. I watched each channel a total of 3 times. Each channel had a total possible score of 75 points. According to my evaluation of each program my results were as follows. Channel 2 came in first with a total of 74 pts, channel 13 with 67, and channels 4 and 5 were close with 55 and 55 pts. Channel 2 came in first because I felt that they were not only efficient but accurate. They were fun to watch and I thought that their images were colorful and clear. Channel 13 was the funniest program to watch however, their accuracy was not as good as 2 and I thought that their programs efficiency on time could have been better. Channels 4 and 5 felt relatively similar to me. They were also very accurate but felt that they were more geared for an older and more sophisticated crowd. In my personal opinion my favorite news program was channel 2. I felt that their Newscasters were younger, more lively and the most fun. I also thought that they were more concerned with what their viewers wanted because of the humor and friendliness. I found the information to be easy to understand, accurate, and overall I felt that their set up and layout of the news program was more efficient.

This class enhanced my knowledge in meteorology because I know now many of the different concepts of weather, I have a better understanding for the reasons weather changes, where and how changes occur and our environment and elements role in weather. Our atmosphere is so interesting and it is necessary to know how to prepare for natural disasters. Because of the research done by meteorologists we are able to detect hurricanes, tornadoes, blizzards, flooding's and so much more. The weather influences our lives every day, it is relevant and pertinent to our daily planning's.

Overall totals:

<i>Channels</i>	<i>Physical Layout</i>	<i>Visual Presentation</i>	<i>Personality</i>	<i>Ease of Understanding</i>
2-	15	15	15	15
4-	9	10	6	15
5-	10	9	6	15
13-	13	12	12	15

<i>Channels</i>	<i>Accuracy</i>	<u>Total</u>
2-	14	74
4-	15	54
5-	14	55
13-	15	67