***Current Times***

This animated show is about Gracie Hicks, a 7th grader at Beach City Middle School. She’s part of her school’s Journalism Club and writes for the school’s newspaper/blog called “The Current Times”. She is the club’s investigator and one of the most reliable members of the club, so reliable even some teachers come to her for help. Her best friend is the head writer and photographer of the club, a guy named Stevie Jones who she calls ‘Slick’. Together they go around the school and solve small mysteries. Usually it starts with the teacher, Mr. K, going to the two about an event happening at the school that they have to cover for the blog, however, they find that something is wrong, stopping the event from happening as planned. So they have to solve the problem.

A lot of the comedy for the show is direct. Gracie will often look at the camera and give her opinion about a “case” and serves as the show narrator. The “cases” themselves are often about minor things that get comically blown out of proportion or about serious things that have comedic undertones to them.

***Episode Examples.***

*The Case of The Flute*

A girl named Jenny comes up to Gracie asking for help. She’s the 1st chair flutist in the band and her flute is missing and the big concert is tonight after school. Gracie and Slick just so happened to be covering the concert for the blog. Gracie relays the information to Slick, and mentions that they have to keep it confidential or else it would spread all over the school. After an investigation they find that the thief was the 2nd chair flutist's best friend, who stole it so the 2nd chair could have the spotlight.

*The Case of the Gummy Bears*

The mathlete competition is coming up soon. And in order to garner support they had a competition for who can accurately guess the amount of gummy bears in a jar. Except everyday for the past week, there have been less and less gummy bears in the jar. Who keeps eating the bears. Tomorrow is the day of the mathlete tournament and when the results of the competition will be announced, the announcement coming from the school blog. The only problem is, Gracie is off her game and isn’t as focused as she usually is, because the girl she has a crush on, Fatima Rasool, is part of the math club and one of the top mathletes. She’s also one of the top suspects because she has an addiction to sweets. Her favorite candy? Gummy Bears. With Slick pulling a lot of the weight they eventually find out that the person eating them was the head of the math club and 7th grade math teacher Mr. Sing.

*The Case of the Trophy*

Big buzz surrounds the trophy case this episode as all the trophies are suddenly filled with Squishmallos. A scandal that Gracie and Slick simply can’t ignore. Their investigation leads them to staying after school where they almost spoil the fact that the school is getting a new trophy case. In order to get heat off of the trophy case, They start planting Squishmallos all over the school. Starting a conspiracy theory about a secret society at the school. A good idea, little do they know they draw attention to the actual secret society of the school.

*Demo Script(For The Case of The Flute)*

[Gracie enters the journalism room and sits next to Slick, who’s working on editing photos]

Gracie:

Oy, Slick. We may have somethin big and I’m talkin’ real big

Slick:

[turns around to look at Gracie]

How big?

Gracie:

Like, front page of the Current big.

Slick:

What about?

Gracie:

You know the big Concert tonight right?

Slick:

Yeah, we’re supposed to be covering it. Did you tell your mom you’re staying after school tonight?

Gracie:

Of course.

[Gracie looks at the camera]

Oooooooh I actually didn’t. I completely forgot. Remind me before the end of the day.

[She looks at Slick]

Someone stole Jenny’s flute.

Slick:

SOMEONE STOLE JENN-

Gracie:

[Covers Slick’s mouth]

Shhhhhhh!!!!!

Would you keep it down! Do you want the whole school knowing the 1st chair’s flute is missing on the biggest band day of the year?

Slick:

Right.

You’re right.

Gracie:

We gotta keep this quiet. Confidential. Once the school finds out they’ll swarm her. They’ll eat her alive Slick.

Slick:

I get it. So what are we gonna do?

Gracie:

We gotta be real discreet. Keep this one under the radar till absolutely necessary. Agreed?

Slick:

Agreed

***Characters:***

Gracie Hicks || Age 11 || Grade 7 || “Detective”

Gracie is our protagonist and is the central focus for most of the show. Her father is a detective and her older brother is a private investigator. She wants to follow in their footsteps of finding the truth by being an investigative journalist for the school paper. She’s been best friends with her friend Slick since they were in elementary school.



Steven “Slick” Jones || Age 11 || Grade 7 || Writer

Steven is our level headed deuteragonist of the show. His parents, both being artists, always encouraged him to see the world 2 ways. For how it really is, and the beauty that always lies underneath. His form of art is photography. As kids, Steven would wander off to take a picture of something that caught his eye. His keen eye for detail always managed to see things that Gracie would miss, so she would call him “Slick.”(She watches a lot of Dick Tracy with her dad)

Fatima Rasool || Age 12 || Grade 7 || Mathlete

Fatima is Gracie’s love interest on the show. Her parents support her in all of her endeavors, making her strive to be the best she can. This drive made her one of the smartest minds in the school. She’s part of the math club, chess club and occasionally does theater.