Newspaper Article Writing



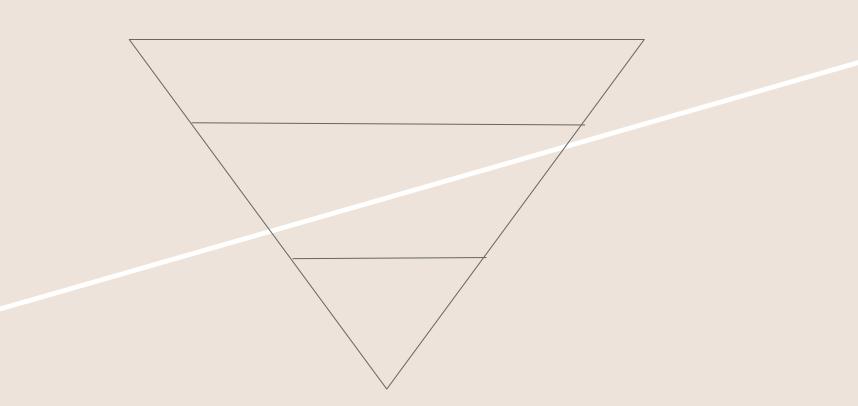
Two types of Newspaper Articles

News articles cover the basics of current events. They answer the questions: who, what, where, how, and why.

Feature articles are longer and more in depth than regular news articles. They cover one subject from multiple angles and are written in a more creative, entertaining format.

How to write a Newspaper Article

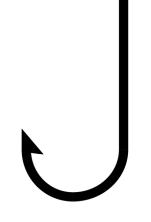
The Planning Triangle



Lead Sentence

Grab your reader's attention right away!

- Exciting headlines
- Powerful opening statement



Introduction

Facts and Figures

- Who?
- What?
- Where?
- When?
- How?

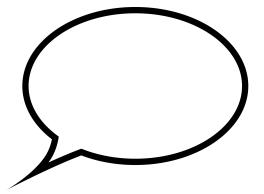
*Think about beginning a story!



Opening Quotation

Gives the reader a sense of the people involved <u>AND</u> what they are thinking.

- Important people involved
- Important thoughts that relate to the story



Main Body

What is at the heart of your story?

- What is the main topic?
- What are you trying to inform readers about?



Closing Quotation

Going back to the people involved and their thoughts.

- These thoughts should sum up the story.
- This should be an important quote to leave readers with.

Conclusion

What is a memorable way to end your story?

- Further information (research)
- Contact information
- Quote



Newspaper Scavenger Hunt

Headlines, Hooks, and Lead Sentences.

Tricks to writing an excellent headline

- 1. Use numbers rather than full words.
- 2. Use emotional adjectives to describe the readers feelings.
- 3. Mention some of the 5 W's.
- 4. Make it short! (6 words)
- 5. Be clear!
- 6. Summarize your whole story



Tricks to writing a good lead sentence

- 1. Ask a question
- Be descriptive paint a picture of the scene
- Create a mystery that the reader has to solve
- 4. A startling fact
- 5. A related quote
- 6. Plot twist

Examples...

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Researchers at the University of Chicago have identified two genes linked to brain size which are rapidly evolving in humans.

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"Meanwhile, our environment and the skills we need to survive in it are changing faster, then, we expenFrom WQAM, Miami, Florida

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By Crystal Owens

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By Wayne Hansen Redwood Co. Extension Educator

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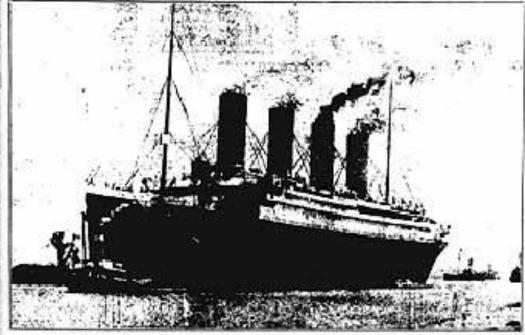
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Practice!

On your own:

- Start planning a newspaper article about your life.
- 2. Create a headline that summarizes you.
- 3. Create a catchy lead sentence.
- Use the planning triangle to plan the rest of your paper.
 - a. Headline
 - b. Lead Sentence
 - c. Introduction (5 W's)
 - d. Quotations
 - e. Facts
 - f. Conclusion
- 5. Put them in the right order on the planning triangle!