

News Story Reporting

Your assignment is to create and film a news story that could be aired on the local news. You may report a real story or make up a fictional event. Remember that you are creating a news story, not a narrative story.

The length of this story is 1-2 minutes.

You **MUST** get your topic approved by your teacher before you begin.

Use the planning sheet and rough draft template to help guide you through the process.

Hand in the planning sheet, rough draft, final copy, and evaluation sheet together for grading.

A newspaper article and a narrative story are different:

News Story	Narrative Story
Describes basic facts about what happened in an event.	Reader “lives” the event through the eyes of the narrator and the people in the story.
Reported as some event that occurred in the past.	The reader follows the story as it is occurring.
Basic format should be to inform the audience of the who, what, where, when, why, and how of an event.	The basic format of the story is that it begins with a problem, the problem gets worse, then the characters solve the problem.
Interview the main characters involved in the story.	The narrator describes the events of a story.

News Story Report Planning Sheet

Before you begin planning your news report, you must collect and organize the facts and opinions. If you collect the data properly, you'll have more facts than you can use in the news story.

The purpose of this worksheet is to collect the facts you need for the news story.

Incident that started the article:

Where?

When?

Who is involved?

What happened?

Why did it happen?

How did it happen?

Interview Person 1

Interview Person 2

Opinions Future – what will happen?

Conclusion to the incident?

News Story - Rough Draft Template

Title (Three to six words to catch the reader's attention.)

Lead Sentence (One sentence with details that summarize the article.)

Details of what happened (Provide three details / facts about what happened. Sentences need to explain and connect the ideas and the events. Facts need to be explained and presented in order.)

Continue on lined paper if necessary.

Interview #1 (People involved in the story will share what they saw or heard. These are direct quotes.)

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Interview #2 (Person #2 may have different opinion than #1. Explain what this person saw or heard.)

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What Next? (Looking forward, what are the people in the article going to do? Who? When? Why?)

Concluding remarks (Summarizes what has happened so far. Draw conclusions about the problem.)

