

## How to Write a News Article

**Task:** Write a newspaper article that reports the facts associated with your selected photograph.

**Style:** You will be writing in a different style than you are used to in class. Newspaper articles generally contain sentences and paragraphs that are short and direct. Most paragraphs in news articles contain a maximum of three sentences.

**Format:** Newspaper articles should contain the following items:

- Headline – An attention getting phrase at the top of the article.
- Byline – By, your name.
- Lead Paragraph – Start with a strong, interesting sentence to get the reader engaged. Include the *who*, *what*, *when*, *where*, *why*, and *how* as appropriate.
- Explanation and Amplification – This section will include several brief paragraphs explaining the detail surrounding your photograph.
- Background Information – This section will include several brief paragraphs explaining events leading up to the picture, related national stories, etc.

**Bias:** Newspaper articles should be written without bias. In other words, you should report the facts objectively – don't give opinions in your news article.

**Works Cited:** You also need to create a works cited list that includes at least two sources. This must be in correct format.

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