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# *How to Write a Newspaper Article*



# *Writing Style*

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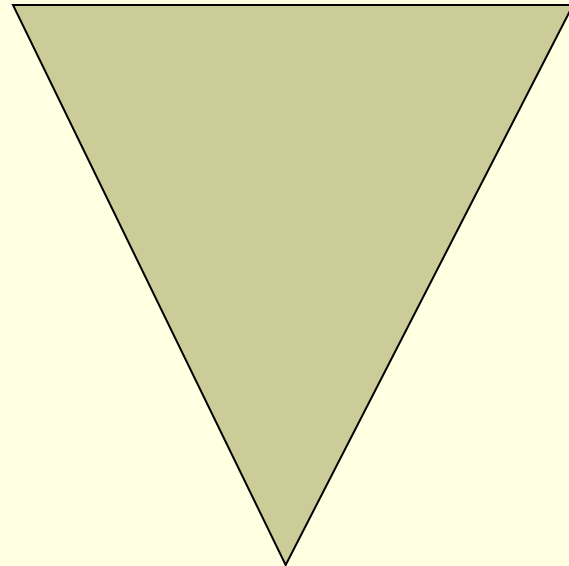
- Newspaper articles require a different style of writing from what is used when writing a story.

# *The Newspaper Article Triangle*

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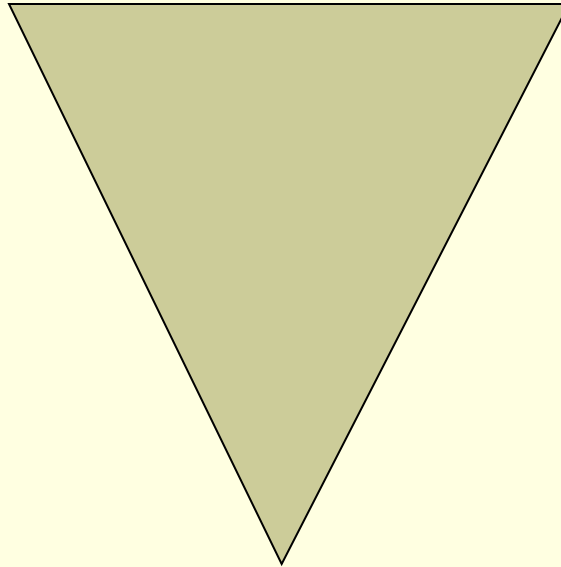
- The newspaper article has all the important information in the opening paragraph. The information includes:

1. Who
2. What
3. Where
4. When
5. Why & How



# *Newspaper Article Triangle*

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# *The 5 Parts of a Newspaper Article*

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## ■ *Headline*

- This is a short, attention getting statement about the event

## ■ *Byline*

- This tells who wrote the story

## ■ *Lead Paragraph*

- This has all the who, what, where, when and why and how in it. A writer must find the answers to these questions and write them in to the openin sentences of the article

# The 5 Parts of a Newspaper Article, con't.

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## ■ *Explanation:*

- After the lead paragraph has been written, the writer must decide what other facts or details the reader might want to know. The writer must make sure that he/she has enough information to answer any important questions a reader might have after reading the headline and lead paragraph. This section can also include direct quotes from witnesses or bystanders.

# The 5 Parts of a Newspaper Article, con't.

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## 1. Additional Information

1. This information is the least important. Thus, if the news article is too long for the space it needs to fill, it can be shortened without rewriting any other part. This part can include information about a similar event

# Subjects for a Newspaper Article

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1. School Happenings

2. sports, dances, etc

Opportunities

3. volunteer, jobs, school help, contests, grants, etc.

Achievement - WASC, SAT, awards, scholarships, grant

Quotes: favorite quotes from teachers, student leaders, submitted by students, etc.



# Subjects for a Newspaper Article

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1. someone who has graduated from the school, going on to be successful (speak with Dr. Brewitt or Mr. McDermid)
2. Walk a thon
3. Student Council Elections

# Quotation Marks

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1. Periods and commas always go inside quotation marks, even inside single quotes.
2. **Examples:** *The sign changed from "Walk," to "Don't Walk," to "Walk" again within 30 seconds. She said, "Hurry up." She said, "He said, 'Hurry up.'"*

# Quotation Marks, continued

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1. “He’s like the wizard of Oz,” Mr. Winchester said.
2. “I’m so happy to be making songs, “ she said.