

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will be able to write a report for a newspaper, demonstrating their understanding of the structure and style required for journalistic writing.

Materials and Prep

- Pen or pencil
- Blank paper or notebook
- Newspaper articles for reference

Prior knowledge required: Basic understanding of sentence structure and grammar.

Activities

1. Introduction to newspaper reports:

Discuss the purpose and characteristics of newspaper reports, including the inverted pyramid structure, objective tone, and use of quotes. Show examples from actual newspapers to illustrate these points.

2. Choosing a topic:

Guide the student in selecting a newsworthy topic for their report. Encourage them to choose something they are passionate about or find interesting.

3. Gathering information:

Teach the student how to conduct research using reliable sources. Show them how to take notes and organize the information they find.

4. Writing the report:

Explain the structure of a newspaper report, including the headline, byline, lead paragraph, body paragraphs, and conclusion. Guide the student in writing each section, emphasizing the importance of clear and concise writing.

5. Editing and revising:

Teach the student the importance of proofreading and revising their work. Show them how to check for grammar, spelling, and punctuation errors, as well as how to improve clarity and coherence.

6. Finalizing the report:

Guide the student in formatting their report to resemble a newspaper article. Show them how to include a headline, byline, and any accompanying images or captions.

Sixth Grade Talking Points

- "Newspaper reports are a form of journalism that provide factual information about current events or topics of interest."
- "The inverted pyramid structure is commonly used in newspaper reports, where the most important information is presented at the beginning, followed by supporting details."
- "Objective tone means that newspaper reports should present information without personal bias or opinion."
- "Quotes from relevant sources can be used to provide additional perspectives and credibility to a newspaper report."
- "When choosing a topic for your report, consider what would be interesting or important to your readers."
- "Research involves gathering information from reliable sources such as books, articles, or reputable websites."
- "Taking notes helps organize your thoughts and ensures you don't forget important details."
- "The headline is a concise and attention-grabbing title for your report."
- "The lead paragraph should summarize the most important information and entice readers to continue reading."
- "Body paragraphs provide additional details, supporting evidence, and quotes to expand on the topic."
- "The conclusion wraps up the report and may include a final thought or call to action."
- "Proofreading and revising your work is essential to ensure clarity, accuracy, and coherence."
- "Formatting your report to resemble a newspaper article adds authenticity and professionalism."