

# Tips for Writing a News Story/Article

The Beginner's Guide

# Create a Catchy Headline!

- Catches the reader's attention
- Sums up the story

# KENNEDY DEAD

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## *Slain in Car by Dallas Assassin*

### Romney Indicates Doubts About Backing Goldwater

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By GLENN ENGLE  
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OMAHA, Nov. 22.—Michigan's Gov. Romney said today that he has reservations about the views of Arizona Senator Barry Goldwater on three major issues.

Pressed by reporters covering the Midwestern Governors' Conference, Romney singled out "three areas of concern" over

Excessive power in the hands of big industry and big labor.  
Right-to-work laws.  
Civil rights.

Goldwater, he said, "seems to be worried about excess power in the hands of labor but not in the hands of employers."

**OPPOSED UNION CURB**  
Romney has spoken out repeatedly against right-to-work laws, which would bar unions from forcing employees to join as a condition of employment.

Goldwater once led a national drive for right-to-work legisla-

tion government - to government systems.

● The United States should remain in the United Nations "unless we find it detrimental to the purposes for which it was intended."

● The Kennedy administration "is the most political administration we ever had."

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### Board Asks Police With

### Trooper Halted, Released

Was Stopped by Police as He Flew Bank Raid

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By JOSEPH E. WOLFF  
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A State Police trooper was in jail today for a bungled bank robbery — after having been stopped, ques-



# Byline

- Writer's Name
- Writer's Specialty (ie. crime, sports, food, current events)

Example:

*April Salas*  
*Crime*

# Placeline

This is where the story begins.

## **Example:**

*Santa Ana*- The crowd cheered as President Obama made his exit from Santa Ana after visiting Mendez Intermediate School....

# Lead

- The opening section
- Gives the most important information.
- **Should answer most of the 5 W's:**
  - Who
  - What
  - Where
  - When
  - Why



# Body

- Supplies Detail
- Most important details come first
- Simple true statements



# Quotation

- What somebody actually said
- Adds accuracy
- Adds an “at the scene” feeling