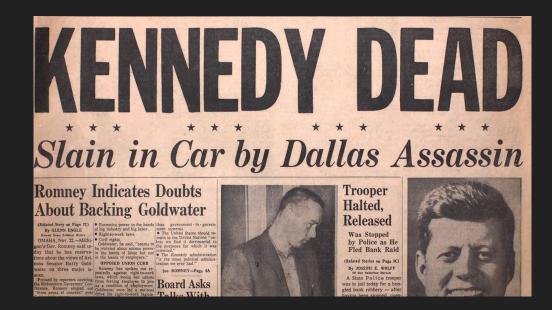
Tips for Writing a News Story/Article

The Beginner's Guide

Create a Catchy Headline!

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



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:
 - \circ Who
 - What
 - \circ 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