

Newspaper Article Rubric

	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Emerging
Headline	Article has a headline that captures the reader's attention and accurately describes the content.	Article has a headline that accurately describes the content.	Article has a headline that does not describe the content.	Article is missing a headline.
Supporting Details	The details in the article are clear and supportive of the topic.	The details in the article are clear but need to be developed more. Some details may not fit in with the topic.	Most details in the article are clear. Article does not focus on the topic well.	The details article are neither clear nor related to the topic.
Who, What, When, Where and How	Article adequately addresses the five W's (who, what, when, where and how).	The article is missing one of the five W's.	The article is missing two of the 5 W's.	The article is missing three or more of the five W's.
Lead Sentence	Lead sentence grabs the reader's attention and focuses the reader on the topic.	Lead sentence tells most important details.	Lead sentence is not clearly connected to the article.	There is no clear lead sentence in the article.
Spelling & Grammar	No spelling or grammatical errors.	No more than two minor spelling or grammatical errors.	No more than three spelling or grammatical errors.	Multiple spelling or grammatical errors.