

Newspaper Article Graphic Organizer

A newspaper article reports the facts of a current event or problem. There are certain elements that are common to almost all newspaper articles. Use the graphic organizer below to organize the story elements into a newspaper article.

Story Title:	Author:
Headline/Title Should be short and catch the reader's attention—Be original!	Headline:
Location Setting where story takes place—city, state, country (UPPER CASE LETTERS)	Location:
Lead Paragraph Briefly explains who, what, when, where. This is the skeleton of your story and should only be 1-2 sentences long.	Who:
 Who: Protagonist What: Conflict, crime, or most important event When: Usually 'yesterday' in most articles/ include exact time if known Where: Specific location (in a house, on the street, etc.) 	What:
	When:
	Where:
Supporting Paragraph(s) Develop the ideas introduced in the lead by giving more info in the form of explanations and vivid details.	Protagonist details: 1.
	2.
 Details about Protagonist (detailed description of appearance, etc.) Details about what happened (stick with the facts) Details about how/why it happened (start with the most important event and actions leading to that event) 	3.
	What and how it happened details: 1.
	2.
	3.
Eyewitness Accounts/Quotes Use specific and relevant quotes from the text/characters to support your article.	Quote:
	Quote: