

Newspaper Headline and Article

YOUR NAME: _____

Write a headline and news article for a major event in your book. Examine headlines and news stories from *The Smoky Mountain Times* if needed. Be sure that your article answers H-W5 questions: *Who? What? Where? When? Why? How?* Remember that the purpose of your headline is to draw attention to the news article in a brief and effective way. After writing your headline and news article, write 1 paragraph explaining why your headline is effective and how your article answers the critical questions: *Who? What? Where? When? Why? How?*

To complete this activity, DISSECT at least 10 difficult words you encountered while reading. Next to each word, include the page number from the book where the word was found.

YOU MUST TURN IN THIS SHEET WITH YOUR PROJECT.

RUBRIC	I'm not there yet (1 pt.)	I'm getting there (3 pts.)	I'm there now (5 pts.)
Information about the book	My newspaper article provides little information about the who, when, where, what, why, and how of the story. My headline is confusing.	My newspaper article contains most of the critical information about the who, when, where, what, why, and how of the story. My headline is informative.	My newspaper article presents all the critical information about the who, when, where, what, why, and how of the story. My headline commands attention.
Reasoning	I am unable to explain why my article is complete and why my headline is effective.	I present a limited explanation about why my news article is complete and why my headline is effective.	I present a thorough explanation about why my news article is complete and why my headline is effective.
Spelling, grammar and punctuation	I did not check my work and there are many spelling, grammar, and/or punctuation errors.	I checked my work but I missed a few spelling, grammar, and/or punctuation errors.	I completely checked my work and it is well written with no errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation.
Neatness and effort	I did not put forth my best effort so my headline and article are not the best they can be.	My headline and article are fairly readable but the neatness and effort does not show my best work.	My headline and article are neat and easy to read.
Completeness of information	I included few of the items in the directions.	I included less than half of the items in the directions.	I included all of the items in the directions.

Student example for reference only:

Book Title: *Touching Spirit Bear*

Author: Ben Mikaelson

Young Offender Mauled by Bear on Remote Alaskan Island

Cole Matthews, a fifteen year old boy from Minneapolis, was attacked by a bear last Thursday. The mauling occurred on a remote Alaskan island where the boy suffered broken ribs, a fractured pelvis, and a badly ripped and crushed arm.

Since the boy was alone on the island, help did not arrive until nearly a day after the attack when he was discovered in critical condition. He was brought back to the main island and treated by a native Tlingit nurse. From there, he was transported to a local hospital and treated for his wounds. "Cole was lucky to be alive, what happened to him would have killed most people," reported the Tlingit nurse who first treated the boy.

Local officials suggested that sympathy can be felt for this teen due to the circumstances for being on the island. He was not on the island by choice; instead, he was forcibly sent to the island to serve a one year banishment sentence for severely beating another boy from Minneapolis. Rather than being sentenced through the regular courts, this boy went through a justice system called "Circle Justice," which has been practiced by native tribes for many years. It is unknown if the boy will return to the island to finish his sentence. At the moment, Cole Matthews faces a slow medical recovery.