

Revision Guide: NEWS STORIES

NAME OF WRITER: _____

NAME OF EDITOR: _____

1. The lead: (check appropriate blanks)

- _____ was interesting.
- _____ was a little bland.
- _____ really captured my attention.
- _____ contained all the important information I needed.
- _____ was composed (structured) effectively.
- _____ didn't give enough information to let me know what the story was about.
- _____ could be tightened up structurally (it was wordy).

2. The body:

A. More background was needed: ____ yes ____ no. If yes, explain:

B. Were any statements made that could be challenged? _____
If so, identify:

C. Style—the article was:

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| _____ wordy | _____ choppy | _____ lively |
| _____ clear | _____ forceful | _____ factual |
| _____ concise | _____ slanted | _____ trite (cliches) |

D. Were direct quotes blended in smoothly and effectively? _____
If not, identify:

E. Did the sources quoted seem reliable/credible? _____

F. Are there any holes, areas that need to be explored or explained, in the story?____
Specify:

G. Say something positive about this article: