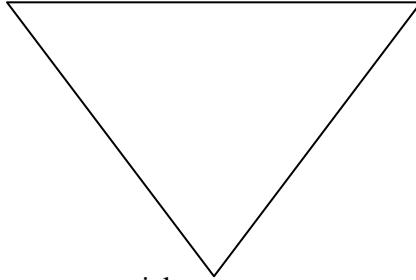


## How to Write a Newspaper Article

### World History II

A newspaper article gives the reader all of the important information about an event. The first paragraph is most important as it tries to draw the reader into the story. Think of a newspaper article as an upside down triangle with the most important information first and supporting details to follow.



Follow these steps when writing a newspaper article.

1. Choose an event, unless a topic has already been assigned to you.
2. Research the event and gather as much information as you can **BEFORE** you start writing your story. When you are researching, be sure to choose more than one source for your information and make sure your information is correct.
3. Organize your story by addressing who, what, when, where, why, and how about your event.
4. Write a headline or title for your article. This is a short, attention-getting statement about the event. It is okay to wait until you complete the article to write the headline if you need more time to think about it.
5. Write the lead paragraph. The lead paragraph is the beginning of the news story. It generally includes who, what, when, where, why, and how so that the reader is pulled into the story and it makes them want to read more. This is the most important paragraph!
6. Write the supporting paragraphs. In the supporting paragraphs, include facts or details which help explain the event. You need to make sure that you have enough information to answer any important questions a reader may have about the event. These paragraphs can include quotes from witnesses. Remember to write in the third person, for example, he, she, it, or they. Be objective and use active verbs so the reader feels things are really happening.
7. Write a conclusion which ends your story.
8. Include a byline which states the author of the article “By...”
9. Decide if you should include appropriate pictures or illustrations and where those should go in your article.
10. Proofread your article and edit your writing as needed. Don’t forget to check your spelling!