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# Formative Newspaper Article Checklist

## Newspaper Basics

\_\_\_\_\_     Headline communicates main idea of story

\_\_\_\_\_     Has a byline (name of author)

## Organization, Style, and Content

\_\_\_\_\_     Lead catches the reader's attention and makes the reader want to keep on reading

\_\_\_\_\_     First paragraph following the lead gives the most important information: who, what, where, when, why, how

\_\_\_\_\_     Rest of article gives sufficient and appropriate information, including lots of specific details in order from most important to least important

\_\_\_\_\_     Includes and uses quotations and indirect speech to support writing

\_\_\_\_\_     Relates to the essential topic

\_\_\_\_\_     Is easy to read and understand, and uses appropriate and engaging vocabulary

\_\_\_\_\_     Has used caption and image effectively

\_\_\_\_\_     Each paragraph contain no more than one main idea

## Format

\_\_\_\_\_     Demonstrates correct punctuation: especially no run-on sentences!

\_\_\_\_\_     Capitalization is correct: beginning of sentences, proper nouns

\_\_\_\_\_     Uses formal language

\_\_\_\_\_     Spelling is correct

**Comments:**