

News Article Rubric

Primary Source Perspectives of the Civil War

Points	Headline	Lead	Organization/Style	Content	Primary Sources
5	summarizes the article; not written in a sentence but must include a noun and action verb	lead establishes an angle that is maintained throughout the story; hooks the reader; and contains all necessary elements of 5W's & H	uses correct inverted paragraph style; each paragraph deals with one topic of story; article contains an appropriate language style, as well as flawless mechanics	accurately reflects the viewpoint of the hometown newspaper; has accurate and relevant information; and shows thought, effort, and creativity	has excellent and relevant image(s) with caption(s)
3-4	present	lacks some important elements of 5W's & H; weak hook	not organized but completely in inverted pyramid style; demonstrates some weaknesses in language style or in mechanics, affecting readability of article	mainly reflects the viewpoint of the hometown newspaper; has accurate and relevant information; and shows thought, effort, and creativity	has good and relevant image(s) with caption(s)
1-2	present	unnecessary information/too lengthy; does not include the necessary elements of 5W's & H	little important information detailed; significant errors in mechanics	somewhat reflects the viewpoint of the hometown newspaper; lacks relevant/accurate information; and shows little thought, effort, and creativity	image has little relevance and no caption
0	not present	not clear or not present	article is not organized or comprehensible	article does not reflect the viewpoint of the hometown newspaper and is inaccurate	not present
Score x 3					
Total Score					