

# Writing the News Report

A News report tells about a recent, important event. The event might have happened in your local community, country, or in a different part of the world.

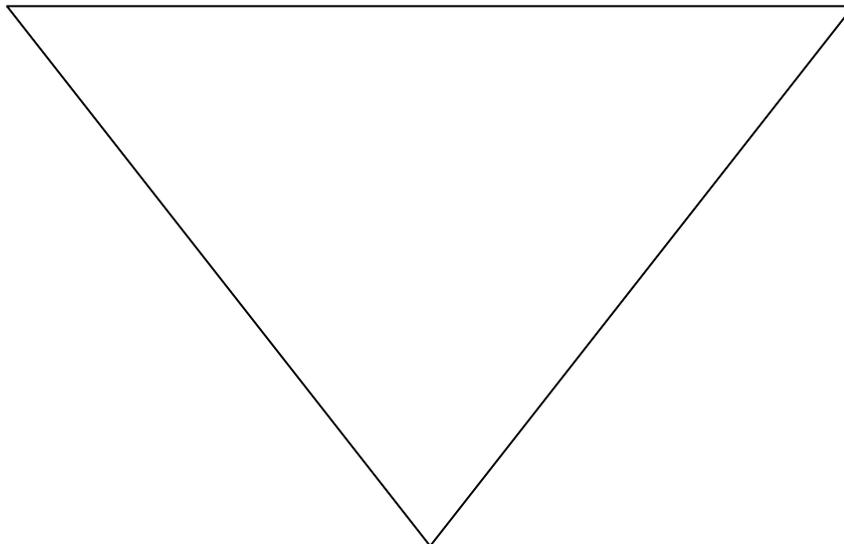


## Steps to Writing a News Report

1. Include a catchy title that summarizes the main point of your report.
2. Catch the reader's interest in THE LEAD including interesting facts, answering the questions *who*, *what*, *where*, *when*, and *why*
3. Move on to presenting the MOST IMPORTANT FACTS. Do this by making up quotations from interviews that you have imagined took place. Use these quotations to reveal the important facts of the story.
4. Then present SECONDARY FACTS about the story. You may wish to use more quotations in this section as well.
5. End with a SUMMARY statement of the story.
6. Write in short, independent paragraphs of two to three paragraphs each.
7. Write your report in the third person (i.e. "he said" and not "I said")
8. Provide a caption for any photograph included in the report.

## Format

- News reports are more frequently written in the "inverted pyramid" style. The essential facts are presented near the beginning of the report and the less essential facts near the end (label the lead, most important facts, secondary facts, and summary on the triangle below)



# Man Conducts Electricity in Lego Tower

*Creativity Creates New Form of Energy*

Gerry McGilly, STAFF  
REPORTER

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September 4, 2012  
Toronto, ONT

Nineteen-year-old Adrian Duma is celebrating in his Etobicoke home after building the world's largest lego tower. The tower is capable of conducting significant amounts of electricity.

The tower stands just over 300metres in height, and has a steel conductor running through it. The conductor captures electrical currents and sends them to a power generator at the tower's base.

By phone yesterday, the former Bishop Allen Academy graduate said, "I have always enjoyed playing with lego. I just figured I could do something productive with



Adrian Duma with his  
300metre lego tower

all the lego I had acquired over the years."

Mr. Duma said that he has been collecting lego since he was 3-years-old. "I just loved playing with lego. It's all I ever asked for on birthdays and holidays. Needless to say, I have built up quite the collection."

The idea to conduct electricity came about during a science class at Bishop Allen. "My teacher always discussed the best electrical conductors. I just figured I would give it a shot and see what happened."

Mr. Duma's science teacher, Juhno Song, said "Adrian was always a curious and hardworking student. I had a feeling he would accomplish something big one day. Turns out, we didn't have to wait that long."

A spokesperson for Lego reported that they have been in contact with Mr. Duma about a possible partnership that could benefit both parties financially. As of now, though, Mr. Duma says, "I'm not sure where I'll go next with my idea. I just had a great time building it."

# Analyzing the News Report

1. Label the following parts of the News report on the article itself:

- a. The headline (sums up the report content)
- b. The Subheading (expands the headline)
- c. The byline (name of writer)

2. Identify the following parts of THE LEAD:

- a. Who? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. What? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. When? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Where? \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Why? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Identify the MOST IMPORTANT FACTS introduced by the author. Write them here:

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4. Identify the SECONDARY FACTS introduced by the author. Write them here:

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5. Identify the SUMMARY STATEMENT

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6. As a class, label all parts of the News report on the article itself.

# Writing Your Own News Report

Now that you know the parts of a news report, you must **write your own** based on the image below.

You get to make up the facts and information to answer some or all of the following questions: Who? What? Where? When? Why? How? You must relate your News report to **both** the headline **and** the picture.

Your response should be approximately the length of the space provided here. Once you have finished writing your rough copy here, time in the computer lab will be allotted for typing and formatting.

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## Teachers Concerned As Student Achievement Declines



*Write your report on the lines provided on the following page.*



