

****Worksheet: OUTLINING A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE****

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Directions: 1) Look over this worksheet to understand what happens in each part of a news story.
2) Later, fill out this worksheet to help you organize your info for your news article.

HEADLINE: Summarizes story in one brief phrase (present tense, avoid extra words, not a pun)

An Elephant and its baby saved from manhole in Thailand.

BYLINE: States writer's full name

Britain Tabb

DATELINE: States when and where story takes place

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LEAD: First paragraph (or two) of the story. Should answer at least 3 of the 5 W's. Goal is to be informative. In Thailand, an Elephant and its baby was rescued from a deep manhole. This took place in the central Nakhon Nayok province when a one year old elephant fell into a drainage hole. The mother protected her calf, but also fell in shortly after.

PARAGRAPH 2 (and 3 if you need it): Answers rest of the 5 W's not answered in the lead paragraph(s).

The rescuers used a boom lift to pull the mother out before climbing on top of her to perform CPR while a digger cleared some of the mud so the calf could climb out from it. It took them more than 3 hours to get the elephant out. The elephants got out and went back into the wild.

1st QUOTE: Use most informative, interesting, or important quote first. Say who said it and in what context.

Dr. Chananya Kanchanasarak said: "It was impossible to get near the baby while the mother was nearby so we gave her three doses of tranquilizers but she moved towards her baby before passing out and hit her head." Dr. Chananya said "it was one of the most memorable rescues we've ever done."

BACKGROUND: Should be several paragraphs. Explains history, background, and bigger picture of the story. May use quotes here if they help explain background info.

There is no serious background or bigger picture.

VIEWPOINTS: Should be several paragraphs. Explain the sides or different views (opinions) on the story, using quotes and information/facts.

That's all for the story.

REMAINING INFORMATION/QUOTES: Include rest of information you have about the story, including quotes, going from most important to least important. This is also where to include more “colorful,” less vital, info.

END: Story ends after last quote or fact. There is no formal concluding sentence or paragraph.