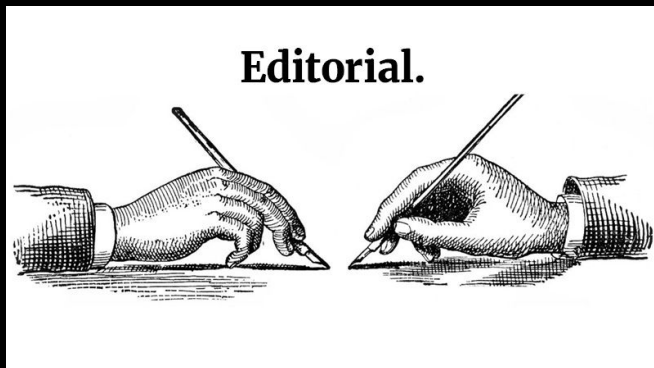


# Editorial Recap

Editorials are a specific type of news article. An editorial is a newspaper article written by or on behalf of an editor that gives an opinion on a topical issue.

Think back to our lesson on Fact vs. Opinion writing. Editorials are heavily based on opinion.



# Purpose of Editorials

editorials:

- Explain - to make an issue clear for the reader
- Evaluate - to review something (give positive or negative aspects of an issue)
- Persuade - convince the readers to believe a certain way
- Call for action - convince the readers to make a certain action
- Provoke discussion - to get people talking about the subject.

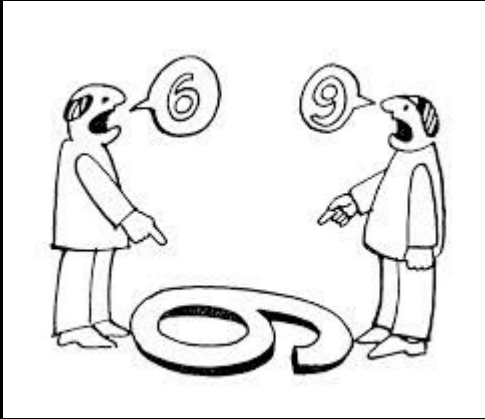


# Steps to Writing an Editorial

1. Identify the Issue - tell the reader what issue you will be commenting on in a clear and attention-grabbing way.
2. State your position - clearly state your position on the issue (e.g. “Teachers should not have to carry weapons at school”)



# Steps to Writing an Editorial



3. Support your position with facts - this is where you will need to do some research! Your opinion must be backed up with facts to support it, in order to be persuasive. Find facts or quotes from experts that support your stance.

4. Identify the opposing opinion - you must acknowledge that there are others who might view this differently than you. By acknowledging there is an alternative stance to the issue makes you seem more credible.

# Steps to Writing an Editorial

5. List facts that support the opposing position - list two or three facts that support the opposing opinion.

6. Describe your challenge to the opposing argument - now you need to argue that the opposing opinion is wrong! Explain why your stance is the correct one.



# Steps to Writing an Editorial

7. Appeal to the reader to support your opinion - end with a call to action! What do you want your readers to do/believe?



# Finding the Elements in an Editorial

Read the editorial “Guns in Hands of the Blind is a Shot in the Dark” (written by a middle school student). Find and label the following steps:

1. Identify the issue
2. State position
3. Support the position with facts
4. Identify opposing opinion
5. Facts supporting opposing opinion
6. Challenge to opposing opinion
7. Call to action

