

The Daily Alaska Dispatch

THREE BILLION AND A HALF DOLLARS TO BE ASKED FROM CONGRESS TO PROSECUTE WAR

FUTURE OF U.S. FULLY SECURED OFFICIALS SAY

WASHINGTON, April 9.—(Special Telegrams)—The future of the United States is fully secured, officials here today declared, as the nation's resources are being mobilized for the prosecution of the war.

The officials, who are members of the War Relocation Authority, said that the government has a plan for the future of the United States, and that the plan is to make the United States a more powerful nation than ever before.

WAR!

ROOSEVELT BEGS FOR ARMY CORPS TO HELP ALLIES

WASHINGTON, April 9.—(Special Telegrams)—President Roosevelt today begged the United States Congress to provide the necessary funds to help the allies in the war.

The president said that the United States has a duty to help the allies, and that the United States must do so in order to win the war.

Mr. Flight 11/11
Order - Powers

Philadelphia After 1918 Z. 197. W.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 9.—(Special Telegrams)—The city of Philadelphia today celebrated the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

IN SANGUINARY ENGAGEMENT ON THE WEST FRONT

WASHINGTON, April 9.—(Special Telegrams)—The fighting on the West Front today was described as sanguinary, with heavy losses on both sides.

The fighting was described as one of the most intense of the war, and it is expected that it will continue for some time.

WAR RESOLUTION PASSED BY HOUSE AT 3 THIS MORNING

WASHINGTON, April 9.—(Special Telegrams)—The House of Representatives today passed a war resolution at 3 o'clock this morning, after a long and heated debate.

The resolution, which was passed by a vote of 370 to 10, authorizes the president to take all necessary steps to prosecute the war.

The resolution is expected to be signed by the president today, and it will give the president the authority to raise and support armies, to regulate the navy, and to make treaties with other nations.

Unit 2 - News Writing and Reporting

Why is News Reported?

Because people want to know **what is happening**

Journalists **gather** information and **summarize** it

Collect it fairly and **accurately**

Present it in a **simple format** to audiences

News Focuses on the 5 Ws and 3 Cs

What's happening?

Who is involved?

Where is this
happening?

When is it happening?

Why is it happening?

Clear - use simple language

Concise - keep sentences
short

Correct - check your facts,
grammar and punctuation

How is News Reported?

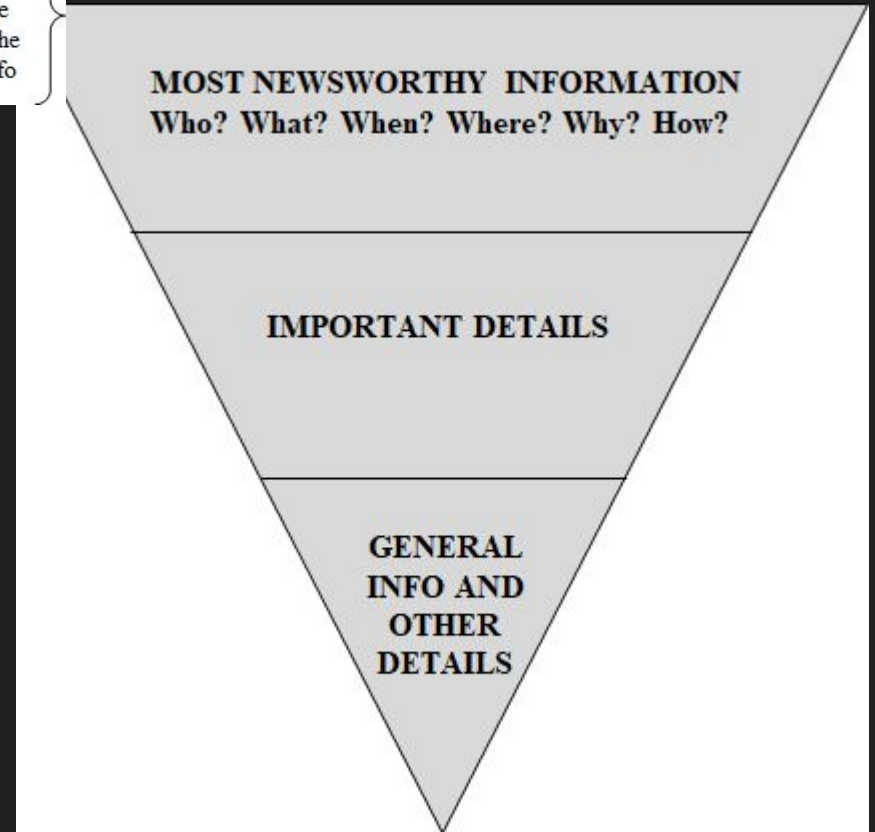
THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE STORY IS THE **OUTCOME**

So that is where a journalist starts... the story begins with the way the story ends...

Journalists do not tell stories in chronological order. They tell stories in the order of the **importance of the information**.

All news stories are written in the “inverted pyramid” style.

THE LEDE - The opening line of the story containing the most important info



Ledes - Lead with the Lede!

“The most important sentence in any article is the first one. If it doesn’t induce the reader to proceed to the second sentence, your article is dead.” — William Zinsser, *On Writing Well*

What is a lede?

A **lede** is the opening sentence or paragraph of a news article, summarizing the most important aspects of the story. It includes the **5 Ws** (What, Who, Where, When, Why)

A good lede...

“After mass street protests in Poland, legislators with the country’s ruling party have abruptly reversed their positions and voted against a proposal to completely ban abortion.” (By [NPR’s Camila Domonoske](#))

“The European Parliament voted Tuesday to ratify the landmark Paris climate accord, paving the way for the international plan to curb greenhouse gas emissions to become binding as soon as the end of this week.” (By [NPR’s Rebecca Hersher](#))

“The United States announced it is suspending efforts to revive a cease-fire in Syria, blaming Russia’s support for a new round of airstrikes in the city of Aleppo.” (By [NPR’s Richard Gonzales](#))

"The Lead": The most important info

Who? What? Where? When? Why? How?

Approximately 30 words (1-2 thin paragraphs)

May include a "hook" (provocative quote or question)

"The Body": The crucial info

Argument, Controversy, Story, Issue

Evidence, background, details, logic, etc.

Quotes, photos, video, and audio that support, dispute, expand the topic

"The Tail": extra info

Interesting/Related items

May include extra context

In blogs, columns, and other editorials: the assessment of the journalist

Applying the Inverted Pyramid

Let's suppose the City Police Department reports that an accident occurred at 2:30 a.m. today. This is the information the police provided to the press:

A car driven by Joe White, 29 years old, hit a curb on Main Street, smashed into a tree and overturned. Police say White was speeding and lost control of his car. He was hospitalized for minor injuries.

A passenger in White's car was killed. The passenger was Amanda Smith, 22 years old. She was pronounced dead at 2:45 a.m.

"We are conducting toxicology tests to determine if alcohol was involved," Police Chief Jack Russell said.

Applying the Inverted Pyramid

Most important outcome: A woman died THIS fact is even more important than the accident itself

When: 2:30 a.m. today

Where: On Main Street

Why: The driver, Joe White was speeding and lost control

How: The car hit a curb, smashed into a tree and overturned

Applying the Inverted Pyramid

Where did the information come from? All of the information must be tied directly to the source where it came from: THE POLICE.
This is called [attribution](#).



Applying the Inverted Pyramid

SO... put it all together in a lede:

A 22-year-old passenger (*what*) was killed early today (*when*) after a car hit a curb, crashed into a tree and overturned (*how*) on Main Street. (*where*)

Applying the Inverted Pyramid

The rest of the story would look like this:

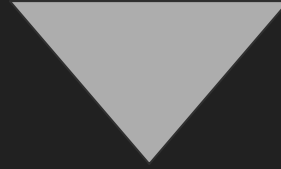
According to the City Police Department, the driver Joe White, 29, was speeding and lost control of his car, causing the death of Amanda White. (*Why the news happened and who was the source*)

Applying the Inverted Pyramid

The last part of the story as follows:

White was hospitalized for minor injuries. (This covers an additional provided fact.) “We are conducting toxicology tests to determine if alcohol was involved,” Police Chief Jack Russell said. (*This includes a quote from a source and attribution*)

Inverted Pyramid Activity



In groups of two or three (or on your own if you'd like!) look through this weekend's newspaper for a story you find interesting.

Once you've found your article, write the headline on your inverted pyramid handout.

Cut out the news story and determine where the three sections of the inverted pyramid are. Cut them out and paste them in the correct space on the pyramid.

On the back, write the 5 Ws of a news story from your article.

EXIT TICKET

Brainstorm a list of 3-5 newsworthy events that have happened to you in your lives.

After we get back from break, you will be writing about a newsworthy event in your life in the inverted pyramid style.