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| CATEGORY  | Exemplary | Accomplished | Developing | Beginning |
| Content Accuracy for Newspaper Article | An article is written with who, what, when, where, why, and how. All 5 areas are answered. Complete and accurate information is given in all areas.  | An article is written with 3-4 of the 5 areas listed. Complete and accurate information is given in each of the areas.  | An article is written with 1-2 of the 5 areas listed. Complete and accurate information is given in each of the areas.  | The article does not have any of the 5 areas listed. No accurate information is given.  |
| Format  | Complies with all the requirements for a news article.  | Complies with almost all the requirements for a news article.  | Complies with several of the requirements for a news article. | Complies with less than 75% of the requirements for a news article. |
| Sentences & Grammar | Sentences and paragraphs are complete, well-constructed and of varied structure.  | All sentences are complete and well-constructed (no fragments, no run-ons). Paragraphing is generally done well.  | Most sentences are complete and well-constructed. Paragraphing needs some work.  | Many sentence fragments or run-on sentences OR paragraphing needs lots of work.  |
| Capitalization and Punctuation  | Writer makes no errors in capitalization and punctuation.  | Writer makes 1-2 errors in capitalization and punctuation.  | Writer makes 3-4 errors in capitalization and punctuation.  | Writer makes more than 4 errors in capitalization and punctuation.  |
| Group Names and turned in on time  | All names of group are the on article. Turned in on time. | Only one name is on the article. Turned in on time.  | Only one name is on the article. Was not turned in on time.  | Names not on article. Not turned in on time. |
| Total Score |  |  |  |  |