

ENG 2D – Romeo and Juliet

News Article Assignment

For this assignment you will write a news article on the fight in Act 1, Scene 1 of *Romeo and Juliet*. You must create a headline and byline for your story and write the article in the proper style. It is essential that you use **details** from the story in your news article. You will be required to follow the structure of a news article (see your handouts for more information). You must hand in your graphic organizer, as well as a rough copy of your news article.

The purpose of this assignment is two-fold. It is an assignment for this unit, and an important element of the Literacy Test. You will be writing news articles on upcoming tests/exams, as one of your Independent Study assignments so it's best to get used to writing them.

Your assignment is due on: _____ and must include the following:

- Graphic organizer
- Rough copy
- Good copy
- Rubric

The *Success Criteria* for the assignment is:

- Written in third person
- Written in past tense
- News article format and style (terminology, etc)
- 4 paragraphs
- Appropriate tone for news article
- No opinion
- Inclusion of play elements/events – **DETAILS!**

If you have any questions about the assignment, do not hesitate to ask me. A rubric for the assignment is attached.



News Article Structure

For the purposes of the literacy test, you will have to learn to write a four paragraph news article. Here is what must be in a news article:

HEADLINE

The headline should grab the reader's attention and make them want to read the rest of the article.

BYLINE

The byline tells the reader who wrote the article. Their name and title/location are given here.

PARAGRAPH ONE

This paragraph will answer the **WHO, WHAT, WHEN** and **WHERE** of your story. This should be done in one to two complete sentences.

PARAGRAPH TWO

This paragraph will answer the **WHY** and **HOW**. It is very important to give details about the background of the incident. Use this paragraph to fill in the blanks of the story. This paragraph should be three to four complete sentences.

PARAGRAPH THREE

This paragraph contains **QUOTES** by participants, witnesses, family members or authority figures. Ideally, you should have two quotes here. This paragraph should be two or three sentences.

PARAGRAPH FOUR

This paragraph wraps up your news article. It summarizes the article and provides a thought for the future. Use one or two complete sentences here.

It is important to organize your information before you begin to write your news article. Use the graphic organizer provided to arrange your thoughts. It is important to do this for any assignments you have and when you write the literacy test.

Important things to remember about writing a news article:

- Headline should grab the reader's attention – Photo and headline should be linked
- Always written in third person
- Written in complete and proper sentences
- Your article must answer the 5 Ws and 1 H and include quotes
- Written in past tense
- NO opinion