Journalistic Writing

- Always use AP Style when writing
- Each year is different
- The journalistic piece this year will be a feature story
 - Press conference topic
 - The story will be word processed by the student on a computer and turned in to be scored. You will have up to two hours to complete the practicum.
 - It should be written for an appropriate audience, have a strong focus and lead, and include a headline. No set word count.



Feature Stories

- What is a feature story?
- What is a possible story based on the press conference you just heard?



Characteristics of Interesting Stories

ACTION, ANGLE ANECDOTE

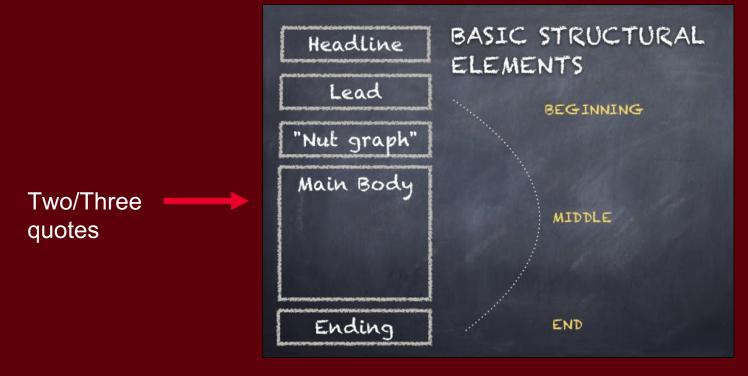
- Action
 - Make something happen
- Angle
 - Don't be vague
- Anecdote
 - Real life examples and illustrations
 - Story about another story



The Outline

"SET OF REASONS"

Have an outline ready to fill in at the contest





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Quotes

DIRECT VS. PARAPHRASING

Direct quotes

- Might be difficult to get a direct quote during the press conference, but you need to have a few
- No audio recorder allowed

Paraphrasing

- Restates someone else's words in a new way
- Do NOT use their same words, make it different

