**News Article Rubrics**

**Follow these rubrics to get a clear idea of what information to include in your Hard News article vs. your Feature News article.**

***Here are the major difference between the two:***

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| **Student** | **Hard News Article**  English 12 :: P2/4 :: Stoll |
| *Your article should have included the following components; any missing components have been bolded* | |
| **Content:** | **Form:** |
| * Quotations from at least 2 credible, relevant sources | * Maintains a neutral stance on issue * Article must be between 300 and 500 words |
| * **An eye-catching headline** | * Strong usage of Inverted Pyramid structure |
| * A bibliography included with submission of article that has at least five sources | * Relevant and complete senses of explanation, amplification, and background information |
| * **Strong Lead Paragraph answering all 5 W’s** | * **Implementation of the 8 AP Style Rules** |
| **Score for CONTENT: \_\_** | **Score for FORM: \_\_** |
| ***NOTES:*** | |

***The Hard News article uses a Summary Lead and does rely on the inverted pyramid structure. It should have complete senses of background information and explanation. A bibliography should be included on a separate page (please see the Purdue OWL site for MLA and interview citation guidelines)***

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| **Student** | **Feature News Article**  English 12 :: P2/4 :: Stoll |
| *Your article should have included the following components; any missing components have been bolded* | |
| **Content:** | **Form:** |
| * Meaningful quotations selected from podcast transcript that tell the story | * Has a balance of quotations and narration * Article must be between 300 and 500 words |
| * **An eye-catching, entertaining headline** |  |
| * An anecdotal Lead Paragraph that draws the reader into the story with imagery | * Relevant and complete senses of explanation, amplification, and background information |
| * **Strong Lead Paragraph answering all 5 W’s** | * **Implementation of the 8 AP Style Rules** |
| **Score for CONTENT: \_\_\_** | **Score for FORM: \_\_\_** |
| ***NOTES:*** | |

***The Feature News article does not use a summary lead, but uses an anecdotal lead and does not rely on the inverted pyramid structure. It is the same length and should still have complete senses of background information and explanation.***