**Your mission:** to create a front page for your city that includes only the most newsworthy stories.

**Your directions:** Read the description of your city, and decide whether your newspaper is local, regional, or national. Then, pick the top FIVE stories you think are newsworthy for your readers. Use the butcher paper to sketch a front page, placing your stories in the best spots based on how newsworthy they are.

**Stories (remember, pick only FIVE)**

* The Center for Disease Control is reporting a massive flu outbreak across the eastern seaboard, including Connecticut, New York, and Maryland
* A tornado touched down in Oklahoma City yesterday, damaging at least seven houses.
* A car crash in Spokane, Washington, killed four teenagers, including the mayor’s daughter.
* The CIA has released a statement claiming China has been using spy planes in and around Russian airspace.
* An unusually cold fall is helping out a weak ski industry in the Northwest. So far, five ski resorts are already open.
* Colleges in the Midwest are reporting a dramatic decrease in enrollment, forcing schools to cancel classes with only a few students in them.
* Scientists claim to have produced a new breed of dog that barks quietly.
* The president, with his final term almost over, is beginning to write a tell-all memoir about the White House and top government officials.
* A nationwide poll shows the housing market is slowly recovering from last year’s recession.
* Traffic in Washington, D.C. ranked the worst in the country.
* Two people were killed in an armed robbery in Texas.
* Environmentalists say the fishing industry near the Puget Sound is in danger, as commercialization continues to pollute freshwater breeding grounds.
* General Motors to close 20 auto plants across the country but hasn’t decided which ones
* Actor Tom Cruise was killed in a car accident, his agents say.

**The Seattle Standard**

* Located in Seattle, Washington.
* Many people in the city are environmentally active.
* The city is in close proximity to many outdoor recreation areas that include hiking, rafting, and skiing.
* A mid-size city with a mixed population who work primarily in science, technology, art, and education.
* With only a few major cities in the state, “big” state news is often published here.

**The National Post**

* Located in Washington, DC
* Circulation of approximately 150,000
* Covers news in Maryland, DC, and Virginia
* Has a national and local section
* Read by many government employees, politicians, and other professionals

**The Tulsa Examiner**

* Located in Tulsa, Oklahoma
* Population 40,000
* Mostly middle-income workers who work in automotive or farming industries
* 40 percent of high school graduates continue on to college

**Round 2 Supplementary information**

(cut out each bullet, and give one slip to each group).

* Your newspaper has an online version that is updated 24/7.
* Your newspaper has a local competitor who consistently posts higher profits.
* The owner of your newspaper has threatened to sell if profits don’t go up.