

## Vocabulary Self-Awareness Chart – Values of News

1. Procedure: WRITE IN PENCIL! You will revise as you learn the words!
2. Examine the list of words.
3. Check the + if you know exactly what the word means as a news element, and you can give an accurate example and definition.
4. Check the middle column if you can write an example or a definition, but not both.
5. Check the – if you're not sure how the word relates to news.

Word	+		-	Example	Definition
Timeliness					
Proximity					
Impact/ consequence					
Conflict					
Prominence / celebrity					
Oddity /rarity /novelty					
Currency					

Human Interest					
Audience					
Policy					
Competition					
Presentation					

# KEY

Word	+	-	Example	Definition
Timeliness/ Immediacy				the most recent happening, the latest occurrence that relates to the news event
Proximity				something that is happening in a person's school, neighborhood, town or city is more meaningful to them than something taking place across the state or across the world
Impact/ consequence				Something that will change readers' lives, even in a small way, or have some consequence for them
Conflict				Arguments or disagreements, often related to war or politics. Can be violent or non-violent
Prominence / celebrity				People who are famous or well-known, at any level. People who are in the spotlight for any reason.
Oddity /Rarity/ Novelty				The odd, strange, weird or unusual. Things that happened only rarely. The "Hey, Mabel" stories, as in: "Hey Mabel, did you hear this?" Also "firsts."
Human Interest/				Anything that appeals to readers' emotions. Stories that make

Emotion					people laugh, cry, get angry, feel sympathy or pity or feel amazed.
Currency					Stories that are news because a lot of people are talking about them or the competition is writing about them.
Audience					Who is reading or watching or clicking or listening. Very important to deciding what's news.
Policy					Some news may be included or excluded in a publication's policy
Competition					Similar to Currency. Other media read by your audience.
Presentation					How it looks on the page or screen. Better graphics = better play on the page or screen.