



News Writing Journalism Ranking Sheet Block A

Student Code: _____

Level Sectional State

Standards of Excellence

1. _____ Does the lead reflect the most newsworthy aspect of the story?
2. _____ Is the story complete and concise?
3. _____ Is the story well organized/Are effective transitions used?
4. _____ Does the reporter make effective use of quotes?
5. _____ Is the story written in third person?
6. _____ Is the story free of editorializing?
7. _____ Are paragraphs kept short and easily readable?
8. _____ Is story information accurate?
9. _____ Are punctuation, grammar, AP style and spelling accurate?
10. _____ Does the story answer the 5 W's and H? (who, what, where, when, why and how) with an emphasis on the why?
11. _____ Does the writer adhere to the word count?

Major Basis for Ranking:

Judge's Signature _____

Rank _____

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Please rank the top 6 entries from 1st to 6th place. There should be no ties. Do not rank below 6th place.