Journalistic Writing Basics Quiz

Multiple choice.

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Paragraphs in journalistic writing tend to be

A. 1-2 sentences

B. 2-3 sentences

C. 3-4 sentences

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. What is a transition?

A. The second part of the quote after the name of the speaker.

B. Information that makes the question the reporter asked clear.

C. Facts and information that make quotes relevant.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Said is the best verb to use for attribution because

A. it adds no editorial comment.

B. journalistic writing has weak verbs.

C. writers are not supposed to have their own style in journalistic writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. How many words on average are in the first paragraph of a news story?

A. 10-20 words

B. 20-30 words

C. 30-40 words

List Ernest Hemingway’s advice for writing.

What information goes in the early in a news story?

List at least three ways journalistic writing differs from the typical English-class essay. (Use complete sentences.)