



## Creating a Newspaper Article

1. Outline the purpose of your article
2. Choose an article topic
3. Research the article
4. Write the article
  - Main Title—biggest, boldest, catchy
  - Subtitle—big, bold, one sentence summary
  - "By" Line—with first and last name
  - Visuals—need a sentence or two caption to explain
  - Article—see below
5. Edit & Revise the article
6. Rewrite the article
7. Edit & Revise the article II: Electric Boogaloo
8. Type the article on the computer
9. Do a spell check

## Formula for a Well-Written News Article

### 1. First paragraph

- In your first one or two sentences tell who, what, when, where, and why.
- Try to hook the reader by beginning with a funny, clever, or surprising statement.
- Go for variety: try beginning your article not with a question, but a provocative statement.

### 2. Second/Third/Fourth...and more paragraphs

- Give the reader the details.
- Tell the really interesting info first!
- Include one or two quotes from people you "interviewed."
- Write in the third person (he, she, it, they).
- Be objective -- never state your opinion.
- Use quotes to express others' opinions!
- Take notes when you interview. Write down quotes!
- Use active words (verbs that show what's really happening.)

### 3. Last paragraph

- Wrap it up somehow (don't leave the reader hanging).
- Please don't say...."In conclusion" or "To finish..." (yawn!)
- Try ending with a quote or a catchy phrase.

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# 2 MORE MERMAIDENS ARRESTED IN CONCORDIA SINKING

## Mahala Ward & Genevieve Reed extradited to Bayonne

**Bayonne**--- Judge Herman Stanhope of Pindyar in the Nolans has recently upheld a request to extradite an additional 2 girls that are to face charges in connections with the Sinking of the Concordia. Last week Lovinia & Chrltianna Tharp, 17, Sarah Knisely, 15, and Katie Bodor, 16 were all brought in for questioning that led to their subsequent arrests in which 2 of the girls vehemently deny any involvement while 2 others made statements that implicated both Mahala Ward, 17, and Genevieve Reed, 16.

‘These girls have been arrested on suspicion of involvement in capsizing the Concordia which resulted in bodily harm. These are very serious charges and they could spend the rest of their lives in jail.’ The prosecutor’s office said in a statement released today.

The Concordia, a passenger ship that struck a reef 20 miles off the coast of Bayonne and eventually sank, left few survivors and was originally believed merely to have been an accident. It wasn’t until the ship was thoroughly investigated that any foul play was suspected. ‘It was immediately apparent to the divers that the rudder had been tampered with,---- causing the Concordia to be led off its course and into the reefs,’ said Detective Raigan White. ‘It’s simply not possible the rudder was in that position due to an accident. It had been unequivocally manipulated from beneath the waters surface---’

‘The sinking appears to have been deliberate although the motive is still being investigated,’ said spokeswoman, Elizabeth Ofgar for the Bayonne Police Department.

A witness immediately came forward and said that she had seen a group of girls that she vaguely recognized, hanging around the reefs and ‘acting strange,’ just hours before the

accident. After that, another witness came forward and said she had spoken to Katie Bodor after the accident and could tell something was wrong with Katie and that she acted, ‘very disturbed...’

All 6 of the girls attended an elite school for girls where they were studious and popular among friends. ‘Never any nay saying or sassing,’ said Science teacher, July Monohan. ‘Really, just such angels. I can’t believe this has happened to our community. They must have made a mistake.’

Twins, Lovinia and Chrltianna Tharp sang in the choir and taught singing after school twice a week to younger students for extra money. Mahala Ward worked in a clothing store in Fountain Green and was saving for a summer trip together with her cousin to Lida. Sarah Knisely helped her single mother raise her younger brother by babysitting around the neighborhood and putting the extra money in a jar for special activities.

Things looked normal on the outside but students from other high schools in their small preppy town of Trementon had other things to say about the girls. ‘Yea, they used to come to our parties. Stuck up private school girls that just wanted to party. They were obnoxious and loud. They just wanted to have a good time. Would they sink the Concordia? Uh, no. But were they angels? No way.’


But what motives would high school girls have for committing such a crime?

Dr. Madeline Clark says, ‘teenagers act out their frustrations from the stress in their lives in many ways. In small violent acts, --- sometimes larger ones. We have to remember that they truly have a lot of stress: from good grades in school, after school jobs, figuring

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**Bayonne police escort Genevieve Reed & Mahala Ward to the county Jail where they will await charges for their involvement in the sinking of the Concordia**



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