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News Story Analysis Worksheet

Directions: Using the NOW Online news story provided, analyze the content to learn more about the topic as well as the process of writing an informational news story. Be as specific as possible with all of your answers, referring back to the news story in your answers when appropriate.

1. What was the headline for the story?

2. Discuss the effectiveness of the headline in summarizing the story and getting the reader's attention.

3. Briefly describe the factual content of the story related to the lead: 5 W's and the H.
 - Who:
 - What:
 - When:
 - Where:
 - Why:
 - How:

4. How did the end of the story summarize the main ideas and provide closure for the reader?

5. Facts in a news story are supposed to be arranged from most to least important. Do you believe the author did this effectively? Why?

6. Writing style is important in keeping those reading and listening to the story engaged. Comment on the use of the following throughout this story:

- active voice
- precise, concise wording
- interesting and varied word choices
- unbiased reporting

7. Discuss the accuracy of the facts used in the story. How do you know that the sources used were reliable and accurate? Provide specific examples.

8. In what way did the use of quotations....

- add to the credibility of the story?
- make the story more interesting?
- present differing points of view about the topic?