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Newspaper Lead Story

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Think like a reporter about what you have read this week; then, choose the most exciting or interesting event that happened. Once you have done that, you will write a front page-worthy newspaper article in the “voice” of a top-notch reporter.

Don't forget to include the *who, what, where, when* and *how* of your news story. (You may even want to look at some real newspaper articles to inspire your voice.)

Click this arrow to see a **model** based on a novel one of my teacher-friends enjoyed recently.



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Teacher Sample based upon first chapters of [Gone](#) by Michael Grant:

This news article is inspired by events found in the first several chapters of this book.

News Story:

Hundreds Missing—No Cause Identified

Breaking news out of Perdido Beach, California, where everyone over the age of 15 has suddenly gone missing. People disappeared when their cars were running, and there are multiple accidents and downed power lines. Some adults disappeared while cooking and stoves were left on; others, still, disappeared while driving their cars. The city is not considered a safe place yet. Phone service and cable are also down with no explanation.

Some of the more mature teens that are left are asking everyone to gather in the Plaza as soon as possible, so that they can formulate a plan. Also, some of the more responsible teens are even trying to round up some of the youngest children in the city, as many of them are quite scared. Be warned! There are also roving bands of hooligans that are looting and looking for trouble. In order to stay safe, your best bet is to get to the Plaza as soon as possible. Perhaps with everyone together, we can formulate some answers as to why people vanished all at once with no warning.



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