

NEWS STORY to NEWSCAST (blank script)

The four, five and/or six (no more than six) who make up the group assume roles, choose a story based on their reading of news or work with a story chosen by the teacher. Roles are 1) news anchor 2) reporter 3) subject (one or more) and 4) commentator. Text complexity will vary based on the selected story.

Headline of story:

Reporter's byline (and other source):

NEWS ANCHOR

Good Evening,

I'm _____ . It's _____ and
Anchor's name Day and Date

this is _____, in
Name of station, created by the team presenting the newscast

Place where the newscast is taking place

reporting on today's news.

I turn now to _____ reporting on location in
Reporter's name

Place where the story takes place

He/she is interviewing _____ (
Subject's name

and _____,
Subject's name, if more than one person is interviewed

BACKGROUND that provides CONTEXT for the report, such as who belong to, witnessed, took part in, etc.

To you _____
Reporter's name

Preparation: The subjects' answers are drawn from quotes and paraphrases in story after close reading by the subject(s) and reporter who work together to prepare the questions/answers and practice the interview.

REPORTER

Thanks _____
News anchor's name

• **REPORTER**

Question:

SUBJECT

Answer:

After QUESTIONS/ANSWERS end with reporter and one or more subjects.

REPORTER

This is _____

Reporter's name

returning you to the studio and _____

News anchor's name

NEWS ANCHOR

Thank you _____

Name of the reporter

Our commentator _____

Name of the commentator

who offers his/her viewpoint or informed opinion about the story and its implications.

COMMENTATOR

Offers viewpoint, informed opinion about story and its implications.

Then

COMMENTATOR says

Back to you _____

News anchor's name

NEWS ANCHOR

Thank you _____ for your comments.

Name of commentator

News Anchor signs off with something such as this:

And that is the news on _____ in _____.

Day of week, date

AND

location of studio

Join us at 11:00 tonight for late breaking news and again tomorrow at 6:00.

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