



Getting Ready for the OSSLT

The News Report

GODERICH DISTRICT COLLEGIATE
INSTITUTE 7 - 12
Goderich, Ontario

Requirements for the News Report

- Written report should be based on **BOTH** the headline **AND** picture provided
- Provide specific and detailed information
- Must be written in 3rd person (he, she, they)
- Conventions (spelling, grammar, punctuation) are important
- Should include at least one quote
- Length should be about 1 page

Planning your News Report

Car wash a success



- Use the headline **AND** picture to decide on an event to write about
- Use the rough notes section to brainstorm
 - Who?
 - Where?
 - When?
 - Why?
 - What?
 - How

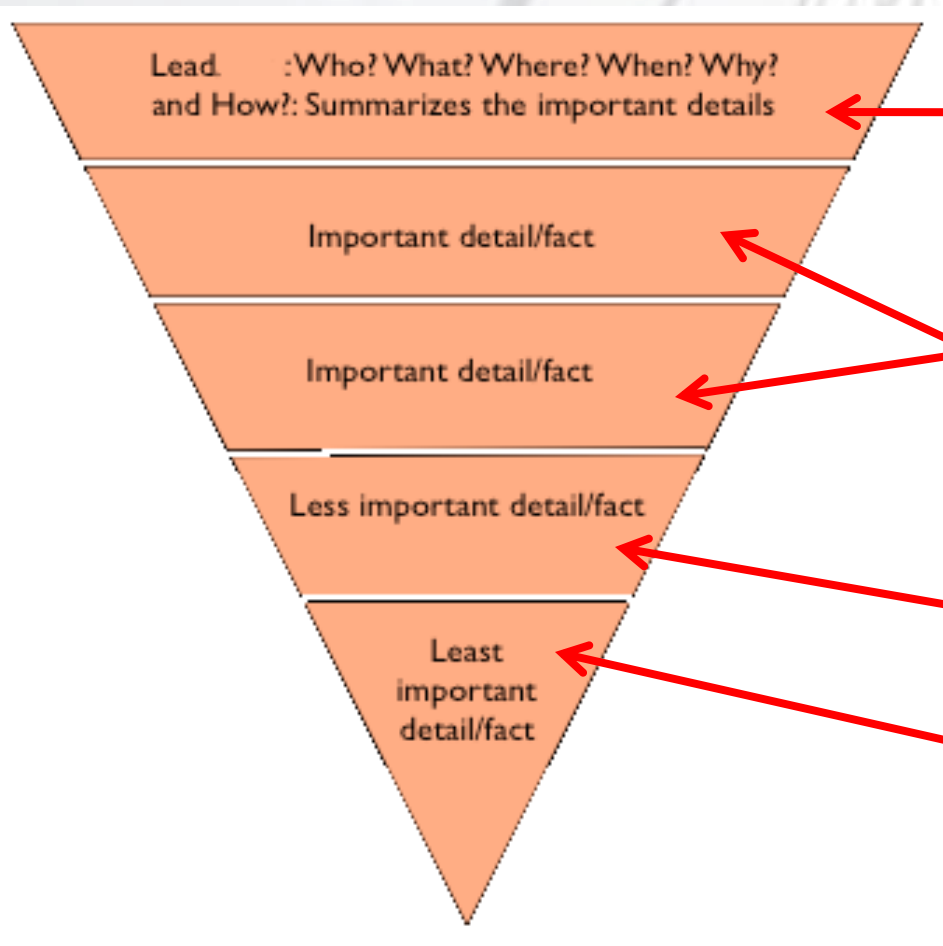
Brainstorm Some Quotes

Car wash a success



- Brian: student council athletic rep. “I’m glad that we could raise enough money to send our volleyball team on to Toronto.”
- Sally: grade 10 volleyball player. “It was a little windy but we managed to wash over 40 cars today.”

Planning the Report



- Answer the 5 Ws and the H explaining the headline AND photo
- Expand on your 5Ws and H. Don't forget the quotes
- Additional Information
- Future Direction or Next Step

News Report vs. Short Story

The News Report

This past weekend, a group of volleyball players and student council members from GDCI spent a day washing cars in an effort to raise funds for the volleyball team's proposed trip to Toronto.

Student council president Brian reported, "I'm glad that we could raise enough money to send our volleyball team on to Toronto."

The club persevered throughout the blustery hours and washed 40 cars.

Short Story

Although the day was very windy, the students running the fundraiser for the volleyball club were very pleased with themselves. Sally, one of the volleyball players, told the student council president that they had managed to wash 40 cars! "I'm glad that we could raise enough money to send our volleyball team on to Toronto," Brian replied.

Rules for Writing

- Always write in 3rd person
- Don't use "I" in your report
- Re-phrase the headline AND photo in the 1st paragraph
- Have several quotes
- Use the space provided
- Include what happened AND what will happen next

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