Journalistic Writing Unit/Prep Intermediate Writing



Most newspaper articles break down into two categories:

- News articles
- Feature articles

You will also find opinion pieces, such as editorials and book and movie reviews, but in this unit we will study news and feature articles.

Here's how you can tell the difference between a news story and a feature story.

- **News articles** cover the basics of current events. They answer the questions: who, what, where, how, and when?
- Feature articles are longer and more in depth than regular news articles. They cover one subject from multiple angles and are written in a more creative, entertaining format.



It is important to remember that both news and features demand the same level of research and reporting.



Review the following examples of news and feature articles from the *Scholastic Kids Press Corps*.

News

- Pandemic Level Increased
 A straightforward news story in a typical news format.
- Harry Potter Opens July 15
 This is a news article written in an entertaining and creative format.
- Out of the Classroom, Into the Garden Straightforward news format.

Features

- <u>Green House</u> Earth Day Special Report feature.
- <u>Fireflies Count</u>
 A feature story told from the first person point of view.
- Astronaut Interview
 A feature story done in a Q & A format.

