

# Writing a Newspaper Article

## Indiana Standards

Language Arts 4.4.2, Select focus, organizational structure, audience, etc for a piece of writing

Language Arts 4.4.10, Review, evaluate, and revise writing for meaning and clarity

Language Arts 4.4.11, Proofread one's own writing, as well as that of others

After your class visits the Museum, ask your class to write a newspaper article reviewing their visit to the Museum.

### Step 1

Ask the students to find examples of newspaper articles that describe a local event. Refer back to these article for the next steps.

### Step 2

Discuss the organizational structure of an article

1. Headline
2. Description of event
3. Quotations from people at the event
4. Extras box: with contact information, date and time of future events, etc.

### Step 3

Discuss the purpose of the article

1. To document the event
2. To persuade others to visit the Museum
3. To describe what they learned

### Step 4

Discuss the intended audience

1. Other classmates?
2. The rest of the school?
3. Parents?

What kind of information do they need to include or could they leave out based on the audience?

1. For classmates, they might write less about the event and more about classmates' reactions to the event
2. For the rest of the school, they might write more about the Museum and how to visit
3. For parents, they might right more about the activities they did and what they learned

### Step 5

Write the article

### Step 6

Read and evaluate a classmates' article

### Step 7

Revise own writing based on a classmate's, a teacher's, and a self-evaluation. Proofread final draft before turning in.

### Step 8

Send copies of the articles to the Museum if you like. We'd love to see your students' work!