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Here's What We Think: Editorials and Opinion Articles

Most newspapers have an editorial and opinion section. These articles express a writer's or the staff's personal views. They do not necessarily report news; rather, they comment on current events.

Read three editorials or opinion articles. Find one editorial and one opinion article from your local newspaper (print or online) and one editorial from a news organization elsewhere in the country or world. Answer the questions for each op-ed or editorial.

ARTICLE 1

1. Name of the editorial or opinion article. When and where did it appear? _____

2. Who do you think is the intended audience? Who is likely to read this? _____

3. What is the issue/controversy? _____

4. What is the type/purpose of the editorial or opinion piece?

Explain/inform Praise Persuade/a call for action Criticize

5. Describe the tone of the article. _____

6. Does this op-ed or editorial provide factual information? If so, what information? How do you know it's true? What evidence or sources does the author provide?

7. Is this information important for people to know? If so, why? If not, why not? _____

8. Do you agree with what this editorial or opinion article argues for? Why or why not? _____

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ARTICLE 2

1. Name of the editorial or opinion article. When and where did it appear? _____

2. Who do you think is the intended audience? Who is likely to read this? _____

3. What is the issue/controversy? _____

4. What is the type/purpose of the editorial or opinion piece?

_____ Explain/inform _____ Praise _____ Persuade/a call for action _____ Criticize

5. Describe the tone of the article. _____

6. Does this op-ed or editorial provide factual information? If so, what information? How do you know it's true? What evidence or sources does the author provide?

7. Is this information important for people to know? If so, why? If not, why not? _____

8. Do you agree with what this editorial or opinion article argues for? Why or why not? _____

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ARTICLE 3

1. Name of the editorial or opinion article. When and where did it appear? _____

2. Who do you think is the intended audience? Who is likely to read this? _____

3. What is the issue/controversy? _____

4. What is the type/purpose of the editorial or opinion piece?

Explain/inform Praise Persuade/a call for action Criticize

5. Describe the tone of the article. _____

6. Does this op-ed or editorial provide factual information? If so, what information? How do you know it's true? What evidence or sources does the author provide?

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