

# News Article

Attention-grabbing opening

Answer to *when*

Answer to *who*

Answers to *what* and *where*

Answer to *how*

Answer to *why*

Quotation

Most important details

Quotation

Less important details

Least important details

## H.M.S. Welcomes International Student

Felicia Ramírez-Rebori is used to rain forests, hot Christmases, and cattle ranches. This year, though, her life promises to be completely different. Felicia, who usually lives in Paraguay, in South America, is spending one year in Massachusetts.

The new eighth-grader at Hamilton Middle School said she was really excited when she found out that her family would be moving to the United States. Her parents, who are both computer programmers, will be working for one year with computer companies in Boston. "We all talked it over and decided it would be a great adventure for everyone," Felicia said.

Felicia is adapting quickly to life in the United States. She has studied English for ten years, so language is not a problem. She also speaks Spanish and Guaraní, which is the language spoken by most people in Paraguay. So far, she said, she thinks life in Massachusetts is "interesting, fun, and only a little bit strange."

She said she and her family have been visiting the historical sites of Boston and learning about the history of the United States. Her biggest thrill, however, has been going to the ocean. Paraguay is a land-locked country, and Felicia had only seen the ocean once before coming to Massachusetts.

Before they go back to Paraguay next summer, Felicia said, her family would like to visit Chicago and New York and possibly drive across the United States.

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## Definition

A **news article** provides readers with information about current events. It includes the details about an interesting or important event. News articles are a form of expository writing, which means that their purpose is to inform.

Many news articles use the structure illustrated in the framework below. Print this framework and use it as a guide when you write your own news article.

## Framework

## Directions and Explanations

**Lead**

- Attention-grabbing opening
- Answers to the *5W-How?* questions

**Capture your audience's attention** Use an unusual or interesting detail, and try to let your readers know *who* did *what*

**Give answers to the 5W-How? questions** Answer all six of the questions: *who*, *what*, *when*, *where*, *why*, and *how*. Your lead may be one, two, or three short paragraphs, depending on how much information you have to report.



**Body**

- Most important details
- Less important details
- Least important details

**Organize the details in decreasing order of importance** First, provide the details that will give your audience a better understanding of the event. Next, include additional details that are likely to interest your whole audience. Lastly, include details that would interest some people, but not necessarily all.