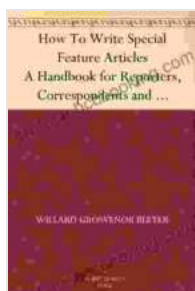


How to Write Special Feature Articles: A Handbook for Reporters, Correspondents, and Aspiring Writers

Embarking on a journey to write special feature articles is an exciting endeavor that requires a blend of storytelling prowess, journalistic integrity, and technical expertise. As a seasoned journalist or an aspiring writer, you hold the power to captivate readers with compelling narratives that shed light on intriguing topics, fascinating individuals, and thought-provoking issues. This comprehensive handbook serves as your indispensable guide, empowering you to master the art of crafting special feature articles that resonate with audiences and leave a lasting impact.



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Chapter 1: The Essence of Special Feature Articles

In this introductory chapter, we delve into the distinguishing characteristics of special feature articles, setting them apart from other journalistic formats. You'll discover their unique narrative structure, in-depth exploration of topics, and focus on human interest stories. We emphasize the importance of identifying your target audience, understanding their interests, and tailoring your writing style to effectively connect with them. By grasping the essence of special feature articles, you lay the foundation for crafting compelling and engaging pieces that will captivate your readers.



Chapter 2: The Art of Research and Interviewing

Unveiling the secrets of thorough research and effective interviewing techniques is crucial for crafting credible and informative special feature articles. This chapter provides a step-by-step guide to conducting comprehensive research, leveraging various sources, and developing a structured interview process. We delve into the art of asking insightful

questions, building rapport with sources, and capturing compelling quotes. By mastering these techniques, you'll be able to gather rich and accurate information, forming the backbone of your captivating narratives.



Chapter 3: Crafting Compelling Narratives

Transforming your research and interviews into captivating narratives is where the true magic of special feature articles lies. In this chapter, we guide you through the intricacies of storytelling, exploring various narrative structures, character development, and scene setting. You'll learn how to weave a tapestry of words that transports readers into the heart of your stories, evoking emotions, sparking curiosity, and leaving an unforgettable impression. We emphasize the importance of vivid descriptions, sensory details, and evocative language, empowering you to craft special feature articles that resonate deeply with your audience.

What is Writer's Craft?

Craft is the art of writing. It is the writer's intentional use of the following to create an effect on the reader:

- figurative language
- snapshots/imagery/details
- thoughtshots
- word choice/word placement
- sound/dialogue
- sentence structure/stylistic devices
- text features
- text structure



Chapter 4: The Mechanics of Writing

While storytelling forms the soul of special feature articles, understanding the technical aspects of writing is equally important. This chapter delves into the mechanics of writing, covering topics such as structure, style, grammar, and punctuation. We provide practical tips on organizing your content, crafting clear and concise sentences, and avoiding common writing pitfalls. By mastering these technical elements, you'll ensure that your special feature articles are not only engaging but also polished and professional.

THE FEATURE WRITING STRUCTURE

Grab your readers by structuring your writing using the narrative feature structure. This includes an introduction, body, and conclusion with key parts in each section.

Here's how to structure your writing effectively within the feature style:

LEAD Introduction Lead captures your audience and draws them into the story. An effective lead is: <ul style="list-style-type: none">ConcreteCreativeProvocative	NUT GRAPH Introduction A nut graph is a summary of what the story is about. That means effective nut graphs tell the reader exactly what they'll be reading. If you think readers will abandon an article once they know what it's about, think again.
BACKGROUND Introduction The background is the context, history, or important trends the reader needs to know for a story. This is optional, and should always be no more than a paragraph in the story.	BODY Body The body can have multiple parts. You can organize this content by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">LocationAlphabetThemesChronologyHierarchy
WRAP UP Conclusion Revisit the key idea from your nut graph and state it again. This shows readers that you've delivered the information you promised in the introduction.	KICKER Conclusion Leave readers with a kicker. Often, this is something concrete they can act on. Another tactic is to revisit your lead and make the story come full circle.

People will only read 16 minutes a day for pleasure. Use this structure to help draw readers in and encourage them to read your story.

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Chapter 5: The Path to Publication

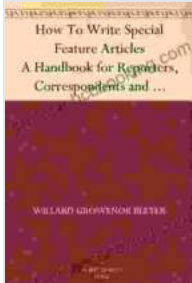
Once you've crafted your masterpiece, navigating the path to publication is the next crucial step. In this chapter, we provide a comprehensive overview of the publishing process, from identifying potential markets to submitting your work and working with editors. We discuss various types of publications, their submission guidelines, and the importance of tailoring

your pitch to each outlet. Additionally, we offer insights into building relationships with editors, understanding the editorial process, and handling feedback effectively. By equipping you with this knowledge, we empower you to successfully place your special feature articles in reputable publications, reaching a wider audience with your compelling narratives.



As you embark on this journey of mastering the art of special feature articles, remember that practice is key. Immerse yourself in reading exceptional feature writing, analyze their techniques, and experiment with different approaches. With dedication and perseverance, you'll hone your skills, develop your unique voice, and establish yourself as a sought-after writer in the field of journalism. This comprehensive handbook will serve as

your trusted companion throughout your writing endeavors, empowering you to craft special feature articles that captivate readers, inform minds, and leave a lasting impact on the world.



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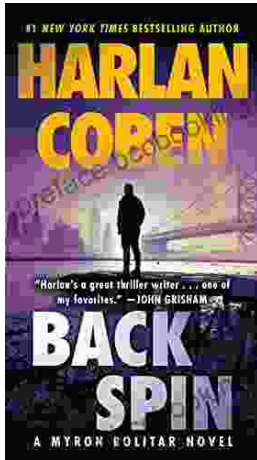
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