

JOU 3117: MOR Ledes & Grammar

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What we're covering

- General check-in

> How ya feeling?

- NewsU Module: Cleaning yer Copy

> The best editing is the self-editing

- Insta-feedback: Lede Homework

> That's what I'll be doing while you'd doing the NewsU. Clever, huh?

But first...

News Quizzzzzzzzzzz!!!!

Question One

The U.S. Senate voted overwhelmingly on Monday
to end what crisis?

Question Two

Who is Larry Nassar?

Question Three

True or False: A recent scientific study found that vaping can lead to increased tobacco use among teenagers.

Question Four

Two teenagers died and at least 19 people were injured at a high school shooting in what state?

Question Five

Name the new train line in South Florida that has (already) killed two people and injured a third.

Bonus Question

The U.S. attorney general was questioned for many hours last week in connection with the Russia election meddling inquiry. Name him.

How'd ya do?

Email your answers to
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Question One - Answer

The federal government shutdown.

Question Two - Answer

A disgraced U.S. Gymnastics doctor who sexually abused the athletes under his care.

Question Three - Answer

True

Question Four - Answer

Kentucky

Question Five - Answer

Brightline

Bonus Question - Answer

Jeff Sessions

NewsU Module

Complete “Cleaning Your Copy, Grammar and
Style”

Lede Homework

A look at what you did and how I wrote the same bits.

Lede Basics

- A straight news lede is a **single sentence**.
- It is **35 words** or fewer.
- It is **sourced**
- **BUT** does not use names
- Information is presented in order of **importance**, not chronologically

News Writing **Dos/Don'ts**

- **DO:** Source everything you did not personally witness
- **DO:** Check AP style on (especially) titles, numbers, entities and addresses
- **DON'T:** Use the first or second person
- **DON'T:** Put your opinions or feelings into the news article.
- **DON'T:** Forget you're writing about real people.

Exercise 1 - Your Work

A mistake at a morgue costs a family \$7000 in funeral arrangements and 100 friends and relatives to grieve and bury the wrong body instead of their loved one.

— Diane

A county medical examiner said Wednesday that the body of a 51-year-old woman who passed away last week was mistakenly switched out for an unclaimed corpse before the funeral, misleading hundreds of friends and family.

— Alexander

A county medical examiner mistakenly identified the body of a grieving family on Wednesday.

— Isabella

Exercise 1 - My Work

A **family** reeling from an unexpected death **said** they have been forced to redo a funeral after a mix-up at the county morgue resulted in the wrong woman being buried.

Exercise 2 - Your Work

A crime related survey conducted by the US Department of Justice, reveals that criminals have little or no trouble owning a handgun after their release from prison.

— Kenia

51 year old woman dies of a heart attack last week, wrong corpse was released to the family.

— Rolando

Exercise 2 - My Work

Laws seeking to keep guns out of the hands of criminals appear to be ineffective, **according to** a survey conducted by **the U.S. Department of Justice.**

Exercise 3 - Your Work

Thomas C. Ah, 24, was sentenced to two life terms, plus 300 years after pleading guilty for robbing and killing two people in a restaurant located in Dade County.

— Yanay

The longest incarceration time in Florida was given to a 24-year-old, he sentenced at Dade County District Court to two life terms and 300 years, after pleading guilty to robbing and murdering two people.

— Lineth

Today a 24-year-old man was sentenced to two life terms, plus 300 years, the longest sentence ever given in Florida, after he pleaded guilty last week to robbing and murdering two restaurant employees.

— Belen

Exercise 3 - My Work

A 24-year-old man has pleaded guilty to the shotgun murders of two restaurant employees, **officials said**, receiving two life terms plus 300 years, the longest sentence ever given in Florida.

Exercise 4 - Your Work

A report by The International Standardization Organization warned that noise levels are increasing by one decibel a year, and will lead to cities going stone dead by the year 2020.

— Ismery

This year the International Standardization Organization, which is composed of acoustics experts, is meeting in Geneva, Switzerland with Delegates from 51 countries to discuss concerns for noise levels rising in the world.

— Yesenia

Exercise 4 - My Work

As their annual convention opened Wednesday in Switzerland, **acoustic experts warned** that increasing noise levels in cities could leave dwellers deaf by 2020.

Exercise 5 - Your Work

Timothy Milan, 19, died last Saturday in Fort Lauderdale following a pursuit with police officers and store bystanders after a reported shoplifting.
— Alexa

Last Saturday, shoplifting suspect Timothy Milan died due to lack of oxygen to the brain after taking off with two stolen sweaters and being chased and held in a headlock by a bystander.
— Alexandra

19-year-old student suspected of shoplifting dies after three bystanders catch him leaving the Panzer's Department Store, Fort Lauderdale police do not intend to charge anyone involved due to claims of excusable homicide.
— Katie

Exercise 5 - My Work

Police said a 19-year-old, seen stealing sweaters from Panzer's Department Store, died Saturday after a struggle with a security guard and three bystanders.

Exercise 6 - Your Work

The Miami-Dade public schools superintended announced today that the controversial book, “The Adventures of Huckleberry Fin” will be allowed as required reading in high schools, but not in any junior high school classes.

-- Christian

Miami-Dade County superintendent of schools said, “The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn” will only be a required reading in high school English classes but not junior high ones after parents claimed the book was racist.

— Paul

Exercise 6 - My Work

Acknowledging its racially-charged content, the teaching of “The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn” will be restricted to high school students, **Miami-Dade County school leaders said.**

Homework

Reading:

- *Miami Herald* and *New York Times* (daily).
- The Process of Writing News, Chapter Three: <https://processofwritingnews.wordpress.com/chapter-three-building-blocks-and-story-forms/>
- Prep for *Wo(man) on the Street*. Read the assignment requirements, which will be posted on the class blog.

Extra Credit:

- Attend the Sam Freedman lecture, tomorrow night at 7 pm. AC1, Rm 194

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