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The Reportage

Reportage generally refers to the act of reporting or covering news events or providing information in a journalistic manner. It involves gathering facts, conducting interviews, and presenting the information in a clear and objective manner to inform the public about a particular event, issue, or topic. Reportage can be found in various forms such as news articles, feature stories, documentary films, or investigative reports. The goal of reportage is to provide accurate and unbiased information to promote transparency, raise awareness, and stimulate public discourse.

How to write a reportage?

A reportage should give the reader a feeling for the setting and the people. Often the writer does that by describing the atmosphere. One way is that the journalist is present at the event and describes what he/she sees and experiences. If this is not possible the journalist often interviews some of the people who have been at the event.

A reportage consists of **a headline, an introduction, a body and a conclusion.**

The headline

should make the reader want to read the article. It should be short and concise. It should capture what's important in the reportage. It shouldn't be like a "school paper title" such as "The American involvement in the Vietnam War". Instead it should say something about the event. For example: "After 30 years of fighting America leaves Vietnam".



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The lead should tell the reader the most important news? How can you write it in the clearest way and make it interesting too? Think about the five Ws: when, where, what, why and who.

The body

is the paragraphs between the introduction and the conclusion. The structure doesn't have to be chronological but it should have a good cohesion). One way of achieving a good cohesion is to use linking words. See this link for more information about that. By tapping into all the human senses you make the text come alive and give the reader a feeling of 'being present'.

The conclusion

should bind everything together and often includes a reflection. Reflect about the consequences of the event and what it could mean for the future. If you write about Kennedy's assassination you might reflect on what will happen to the USA when the popular president is dead.

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Activity one : Complete the following definitions by the correct concepts: The body -The headline -Reportage-

- refers to the act of reporting or covering news events or providing information in a journalistic manner.
- It should be short and concise. It should capture what’s important in the reportage
- is the paragraphs between the introduction and the conclusion.....

Activity tow : Put the × in the true or false

	true	false
Reportage can be found as news articles only		
The goal of reportage is to provide accurate and unbiased information to promote transparency,		
A reportage consists of a headline, an introduction only		
Conclusion should bind everything together and often includes a reflection		

Activity three: Translate the following terms to Arabic

The reportage		The consequences of the event	
Headline		News	
The body		Facts	
The interview			