

Write A News Report:

Write a news report about the main event that takes place in the first two chapters of the novel. Create a captivating headline. Begin your story with a one-paragraph lead that summarizes *who, what, where, when, why, and how* the event occurred. Each subsequent paragraph in the rest of the report should contain descriptive adjectives. Build these paragraphs around details taken directly from the book. Include interviews of police and fire Marshalls as well as of the novel's other characters who can provide eyewitness testimony, quotations, etc. These quotes should reflect the opinions and biases of the people interviewed. Provide a photo that you can find off the internet (***not the one seen on the novel cover***) that would suit your story; and give the photo a caption. Finally, make your news report balanced. You should include what others know or suspect about the event that differ from certain eyewitnesses or expert opinions. Your story should take up at least ¾ of a page (size 12 font) and for Level 4 marks, make it appear in columns when you type it.

Provide planning sheets for your news report: Show that you planned out what quotes you would include and from whom, what some possible headlines could be, what all the facts would be that you would include in the story, and what kind of images would be possible to go with the story.

EVALUATION:

Criteria for Final Print Production	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
The NEWS STORY you chose to write clearly relates to the major conflict of the story in <i>Smoke Detector</i> , and only focuses on the one event.				
All of the necessary facts are delivered in the final story.				
The facts in the news story are comprehensive, properly organized, and supported with clear quotes from related individuals.				
A highly effective headline is written that will grab the reader's attention				
Proper English conventions are used throughout the story (including spelling, grammar, and punctuation)				
The photo you chose to include was well researched and clearly relates to the story being told.				
The caption for the photo is well written and does not repeat what is already said in the story or tell us the obvious.				