

Satire vs. Authentic News Checklist



Authentic News Checklist

The authentic news article contains:

- ☐ A catchy title or headline that addresses the topic of the article
- ☐ An opening statement that grabs the reader's attention
- ☐ Major details of the subject in the first paragraph (who, what, where, when, why, and how if relevant)
- ☐ Facts that have been obtained from reliable sources (does not contain opinion or any of the author's personal commentary) and mentions the source of information
- ☐ At least two paragraphs

Satirical Article Checklist

The satirical article:

- ☐ Has a title that lets the reader know the article is satirical and poking fun at an issue
- ☐ Makes it clear what issue, person, or event is being satirized
- ☐ Contains exaggerated or fictional supporting reasons such as fake quotes and statistics
- ☐ Maintains a light, humorous tone
- ☐ Is at least two paragraphs in length

Grammar and Mechanics For Both:

- ☐ Each sentence has proper punctuation at the end (period, exclamation point, question mark)
- ☐ Sentences begin with a capital letter
- ☐ Commas are used when needed
- ☐ Sentences are complete and not fragments
- ☐ Transitions are used between paragraphs and ideas and sentences flow smoothly
- ☐ Words are spelled correctly