

Assignment: Write a newspaper story *about the Osage News*



The “**Osage News: Communication Strengthens a Nation**” Fact sheet is in Question-and-Answer format, similar to interview questions created by journalists. Assume you are a journalist for a newspaper in another community assigned to write an article about **the role and importance of this unique publication - the Osage News.** The Fact Sheet is your Q & A notes from an interview. Write a brief story. Just like a real journalist, your space is **limited - 250 words**. You will have to stay focused on your purpose/topic and carefully choose what information to include. Notice sometimes it is harder to write a short story than a longer one.

1. Have an attention-getting **lead line** (first sentence)
 2. Help guide the reader through the logic of your piece - i.e. use **transitions** such as *For example, In addition, In contrast, As a result, etc.*
 3. Have two or three **quotes** the Fact Sheet; for the **tag line** on these, put “According to an *Osage News* staff-person, ...”
 4. Remember when you write, how do we **format the title** of a publication? We put it **in italics i.e. *Osage News.***
 5. Start by choosing facts/phrases you think are **most important**.
 6. Organize those facts in **logical order**
 7. Then combine them into sentences: pack as much information as you can into your 250-word article by **combining** facts and phrases into more complex, varied, fluent sentences
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