



Pathfinder's Name

Journalism

1. Describe the elements of a good lead paragraph and the use and importance of headlines.

Elements _____

Use _____

Importance _____

2. Write a news article of at least three paragraphs, using a good lead paragraph about something interesting that has happened in your church, school, home, or Pathfinder Club.

Title of article _____

3. What are the essentials for writing a good story?

4. Know the difference between passive and active verbs, and give three comparative examples.

Passive _____

Active _____

Examples: 1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

5. Write to a publisher, requesting story-writing guidelines.**

Publisher written to _____

- 6. Write a story on one of the following:
 - a. How your family first accepted Christ, whether it was you, your parents, your grandparents, etc.
 - b. Personal experiences of answered prayer or divine guidance.
 - c. An interesting pet that you have had.
 - d. An experience you have had while at summer camp or on a camping trip.
 - e. When God first became real to you as a friend and personal Savior.
 - f. The most difficult thing about being a Christian today.

Title of story _____

- 7. Submit a story or article to a Seventh-day Adventist publication.**

Title of story/article _____

Date submitted _____

Publication submitted to _____

- 8. Know how to write a cover letter to the editor for submitting your story or article and write a cover letter to the editor to include with your story or article.

- 9. What education is helpful for getting into the career of journalism?

- 10. What types of jobs are available for anyone who is interested in journalism?

Note: ** Story-writing guidelines are available free from the Review and Herald Publishing Assn., 55 West Oak Ridge Drive, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740

Note: Good foundation work in grammar is a fundamental must for this honor.