

Grade the News

Directions: Watch a 30-minute local newscast, and have students complete the following news scorecard.

News Scorecard

Analyze each story and place a checkmark in the appropriate blank. When you're done, add the marks and write the total in the _____ at the end of the space.

Date of Newscast _____ News Station _____ Newscast Time _____

Put a mark next to the single topic that best matches the primary subject of the story.

Core (Main Subjects) Topics:

Politics/Government	Major fires/Accidents
Natural Disaster	Weather
Education	Social Trends
Economics/Business	Consumer Reporting
Crime/Justice/Prison	Military
Health	Environment
Science/Technology	

Total core topic stories =

Peripheral (Light Stories) Topics:

Celebrities' lives/deaths/ arrests	Sports
Lesser fires/accidents	Human Interest
Other stories	

Named sources: Now go back and review the stories that were reported. Were the quotes rephrased statements or actual video footage of a person giving a quote? Explain.

