Honors LA 10

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**Class Notes: Newspaper Format**

* What was this story (“My Story: A New Beginning”) about?
  + A girl who was homeless, but through the help of Children’s Services, came to a better place in her life.
* How did this story show important elements of a newspaper/article format, or what were elements that *should* have been present?
  + There was a photo of the subject of the story, with a caption.
  + The story was lined up in newspaper-format columns.
  + A newspaper article should be written in the third person (“He did/she went/he lived”), not first-person.
  + The interviewer should not be a part of the article.
  + There is a “pull quote” (a quote chosen from the story to be highlighted/enlarged), which pulls the reader in by making them interested. It’s a sneak-peek of the story, or a “hook.”
  + There’s a title/headline.
  + There is an “initial” (the single big letter that starts the article).
  + The story is presented in chronological order. It flows well.
  + There’s a “byline” (where the author’s name is listed).
* What was done well?
  + The article was formatted properly.
  + The “pull quote” was effective at drawing in the reader.
  + The first paragraph offered a compelling introduction to the story.
  + The story was chronologically arranged.
* What could be improved?
  + Detail was lacking:
    - What is the Mockingbird Society?
    - How did she become homeless? What caused it?
  + The reader was left with too many questions.
  + Sentence construction was not polished.
  + Vocabulary was weak, general, and not specific. “Scored” not appropriate-sounding.
  + The grammar needed review.
  + First instead of 1st
  + Goal or theme of article was not focused. What was her main goal or message?