Honors LA 10

December 10, 2013

**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?