

NewSheet

To Keep Us Current and Force a Little Pre-Writing
30-40 minutes (at least four times a week)

List your news source for this particular sheet:

(You should use your general sources—nightly news, radio news, or the newspaper (other than classroom editions but can occasionally use a specialized news source—like Sports Center, E News/ET, Tech News, Business Reports, political discussion groups, or even the Daily Show)

Directions:

For Newspapers: scan the Entire paper; list the headlines you find most interesting; read the leads (1st paragraphs) of each, and finish three articles minimum. Record the ones you did finish.

When listening to the radio or watching the news, record each story and comment on the three that interest you most.

Stories/Articles that most interest you and some details about them:

Cars have all kinds of random names that nobody cares about. So do phones. This article is a slideshow-style post about cars with bad names.

<http://editorial.autos.msn.com/worst-car-names-ever?icid=3518>

Wait, what. Obama's cabinet is too white? The past, let's see... ALL PRESIDENTS have been white, male (and old). This is ridiculous.

<http://news.msn.com/politics/americas-first-black-president-slammed-for-white-male-cabinet>

Biden met with the NRA, meeting about second amendment more than keeping kids safe.

<http://firstread.nbcnews.com/news/2013/01/10/16449478-nra-disappointed-with-gun-task-force-recs-coming-by-tuesday?lite&ocid=msnhp&pos=1>

Giant squid discovered!

<http://www.escapistmagazine.com/news/view/121383-See-the-First-Image-of-a-Giant-Squid-2-00-Foot-Underwater>

Now on the back of this page, do some Pre-writing (free-writing, brainstorming, asking questions, create a web)

Pre-write here:

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Fake headlines, article/story ideas to share:

-Obama paints cabinet, nation complains that a nice burgundy would have been better.

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Idea(s) you want to develop into a piece for *The Leek*:

-Obama cabinet painting. After national outcry, he plans to paint the White House green. "That ought to show them"