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Writing Map of a Developing News Story

What you need before you write: New information from credible sources and, if available, collaborating sources, details and background information. You also need an existing breaking news story. Use the writing map, which follows the inverted pyramid format, to help transform a breaking news story into a developing news story.

Paragraph	Information to Include	Your Prewriting
1	Most recent news first in 5 W form in present, present perfect or future tense.	
2	Source of new information and time information became available (if not in lead).	
3	Language linking the most recent news to existing story.	
4	Previous 5 W's lead. Past tense, may emphasize time story broke.	
5	Details, background or less important information from recent news or older story.	
6	Details, background or less important information from recent news or older story.	
7	Details, background or less important information from recent news or older story.	
8	Least important details and background information.	