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Writing Map of a Breaking News Story

What you need before you write your story: Reports from credible sources and, if available, collaborating sources, details and background information. Use the writing map below, which follows the inverted pyramid format, to help you plan and execute a breaking news story.

Paragraph	Information to Include	Your Prewriting
1	A 5 W's lead in present tense with a strong action verb. This may include language (near the end of the sentence) such as "according to police reports," "according to witnesses at the scene," or "are reported to have . . .	
2	Further identification of source if needed. More details about or from the report.	
3	Information from another source that confirms the first, if available.	
4	Information from another source that confirms the story, if available.	
5	Details, or background or less important information.	
6	Details, or background or less important information.	
7	Details, or background or less important information.	
8	Least important details or background or information.	