Opinion Pieces

True news segments, whether written, televised, or interactive, will rely on facts and sourcing in order to provide information to the reader or viewer. An opinion piece, particularly about a newsworthy issue, will be informed by facts, but will allow one particular stance or viewpoint shine through in order to persuade the reader to agree with the opinion.

Directions: Fill in the blanks

I see informed-opinion pieces in the news when I....

I know it is an informed-opinion piece because....

News Blogs

A news blog is a type of website that features individual commentary about newsworthy issues and that sometimes allows readers to participate in the commentary. Bloggers can be professional writers affiliated with the blog’s parent organization or individuals across the country who create a website to espouse their opinions. The important thing to realize is that blogs often contain compelling opinions about newsworthy items, but they are often user-generated opinions.

Directions: Fill in the blanks

I know it’s a blog because...

Some good blogs are...

I know it’s a news blog because...