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Writing Opportunity ~ News Report

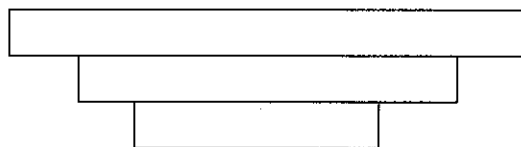
Name _____

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Imagine the constable's shock when he saw Winnie in the cell instead of Mae! There is no doubt that this event would have been big news in a little village like Treegap! Pretend that you work for the local newspaper, and write the news report.

Read the following information on writing a news report before you start.

- A news report is based on facts. Do not include your opinions.
- The first paragraph contains the most important information: Who? What? When? Where? Why? And How?
- It is arranged in an "inverted pyramid" style:



This means that facts are arranged from most important to least important. It allows you to see a lot of information quickly in the first couple of paragraphs. The least important facts are nearer the end.

Answer these questions in the lead of your news report:

1. Who is it about?
2. What happened?
3. When did it happen?
4. Where did it happen?
5. Why did it happen?
6. How did it happen?

Remember, not everyone knows what the reader knows. Write only what would appear in the newspaper. You cannot say that Miles took out the window, because the constable did not know this. You can, however, make up a statement that one of the characters like Winnie, the constable, or the Fosters would say for the article.

HeadLine: *Local Youth Found Inside Cell of Killer*