

Analyze a Newspaper Clipping

1. MEET THE NEWSPAPER CLIPPING

What do you notice first?

What is the name of the article?

What type of article is this? (opinion, letter to the editor, review, obituary, advertisement, etc.)

What features of the article (purpose, writing style, use of evidence, format, etc.) help you identify it?

2. OBSERVE THE NEWSPAPER CLIPPING

Do you see anything other than text?

If there are any photos or illustrations, what information do they provide?

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3. TRY TO MAKE SENSE OF IT

Who do you think is the audience for this newspaper clipping?

What are the key ideas in the newspaper clipping?

What information do you think was left out of this newspaper clipping?

When was this newspaper clipping written?

Where is the newspaper this clipping is from published?

Why do you think this information was important enough to be in the newspaper?

4. USE IT AS HISTORICAL EVIDENCE

What did you find out from this newspaper clipping that you might not learn anywhere else?

How would this newspaper clipping be different if produced today? What would be the same?

What questions does this article raise?

Where can you go to get more information?