

NEWSEUM CHOOSE THE NEWS

Name _____ Date _____

In the Newseum

Visit the Today's Front Pages Gallery (Level 6)

The Newseum receives more than 600 front pages daily from newspapers across the country and around the world. Here we display some of these front pages. Some days the stories on the front pages are all very similar; some days they are very different.

Find a newspaper from a state where you have relatives or friends and a newspaper from your home state and compare them:

Home state: _____
Newspaper: _____
Lead story: _____ _____
How many stories are on the front page? _____
How many of those stories are local? _____
National? _____
International? _____
How many photos or graphics are on the front page? _____

Other state: _____
Newspaper: _____
Lead story: _____ _____
How many stories are on the front page? _____
How many of those stories are local? _____
National? _____
International? _____
How many photos or graphics are on the front page? _____

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What kinds of stories are the lead stories? Are they a combination of these types?

Human interest: Appeals to your humanness.

Proximity: How close to you?

Celebrity: How prominent is the person involved?

Timeliness: Recent; event of immediate concern.

Impact: On your community; many people.

Magnitude: Storms; economic impact on the dollar.

Home newspaper: _____

Other newspaper: _____

Pick one story from each of the two front pages that you would not have included if you were the editor and explain why.

Home newspaper: _____

Story you would cut: _____

Why?: _____

Other newspaper: _____

Story you would cut: _____

Why?: _____

Reading these two front pages, what do you think is important to these communities?

Home newspaper: _____

Other newspaper: _____
