

Plan Your Newscast

Welcome to the Whale Tales News Channel! Your task as reporters is to create segments for a special broadcast entitled "Gray Whale Tales."

1. Write down the name of your segment in the box below:

2. Most good ideas begin with brainstorming. Think about your topic and brainstorm some ideas about how your news segment might look. Use the space below to list your ideas. Remember, when you brainstorm, every idea is a good one. Jot down your ideas in the box below.

3. The best reporters are great researchers. You have collected an assortment of facts from your Internet research on your “News Segment Fact Collector” handout. You can’t, however, simply read off the list of facts you collected in your news segment. You have to connect them by writing a script. You can do this by writing a paragraph with a main idea, and some supporting facts. Your news segment script may have a few paragraphs. Each paragraph in the script should have a main idea, and at least three or four supporting facts.

Write down your main idea here:

Write down your supporting facts below:

4. An important part of a news segment is performance. Choose one person from your group to read the information aloud for the broadcast. Give the person time to practice so he or she will not stumble over words or rush through the segment.

5. The last important part of the news segment is a visual. Your group must use the supplies your teacher will provide you to create a visual to be used in your news segment. Make sure it is interesting, colorful and informative.