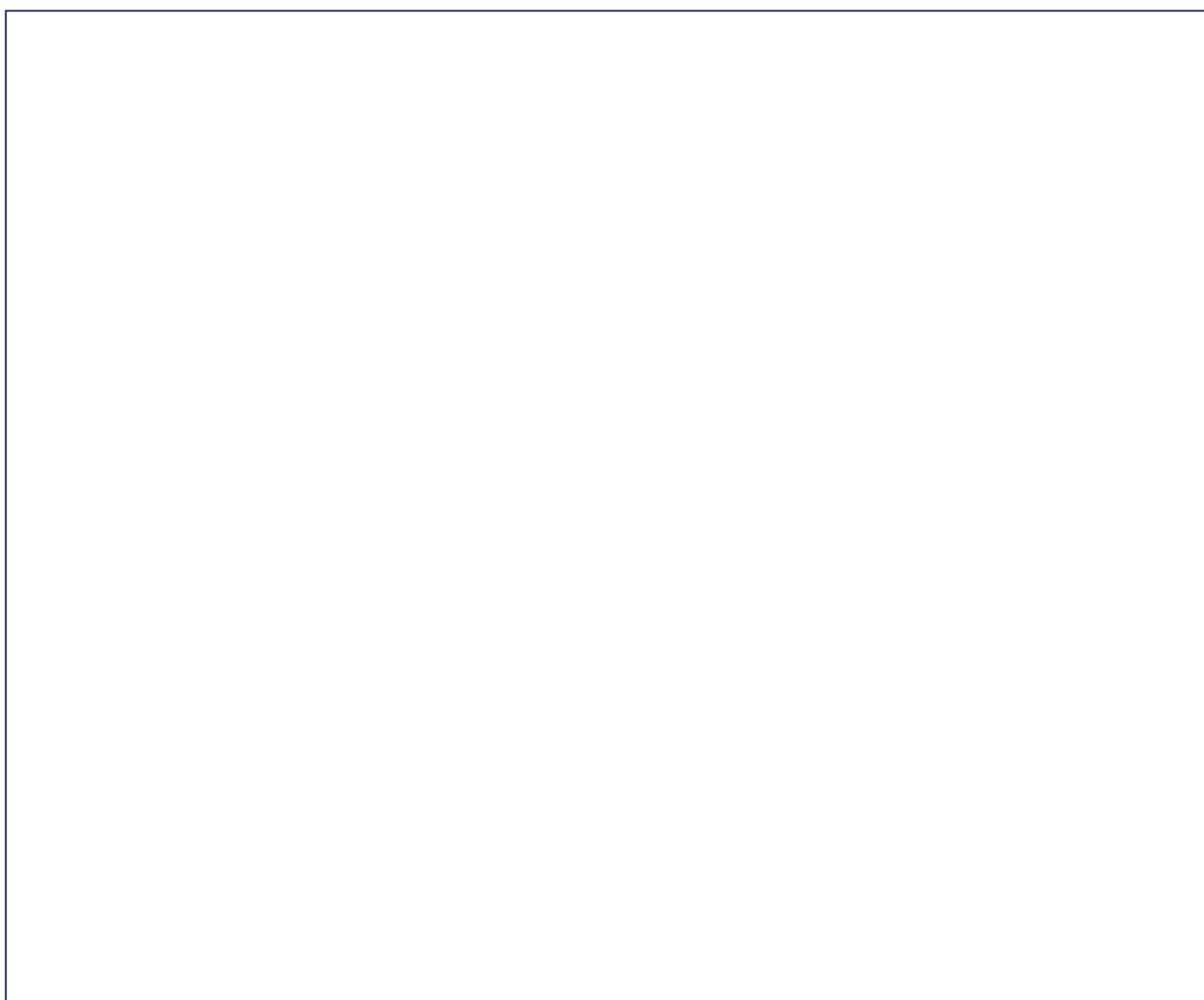


Front Page Scoop: The Great Library Mystery

Learning objective: To understand the structural features of a newspaper report and identify how visual elements support journalistic storytelling.

Use this sheet to plan the front page of 'The Forest Gazette'. Imagine Max the monkey has discovered a mysterious, ancient map hidden inside a hollow oak tree. Follow the drawing steps to create your front-page image and use the labels to identify key features of a newspaper.

Draw: Draw a dynamic front-page scene. At the top, leave space for a large, bold newspaper title. In the centre, draw a clear, framed image of Max the monkey looking surprised as he unrolls a dusty, ancient map. Use fine-liner style detail for the textures of the oak bark and the crinkles in the map. Surrounding the image, leave empty space structured into two long vertical columns to represent where the written report will be placed.



Label words: Headline · Caption · Byline · Image · Columns · Masthead

Steps:

1. Explain why a newspaper article needs a catchy, bold headline. How does it influence the reader?
2. Label the area on your drawing where the 'Masthead' (the newspaper's name) should go. Why is this placed at the very top?
3. Compare and contrast the language used in a newspaper report with the language used in a fairy tale.

Justify your answer.

4. If Max were to write a follow-up story, what might happen if the map led to a library instead of treasure? Explain your reasoning.

5. Step 1: Draw a large, rectangular box for your main image. Sketch Max holding the map. Add a detailed background of the forest.

6. Step 2: Add a small box underneath your main image. Write a 'Caption' explaining what is happening in the drawing.