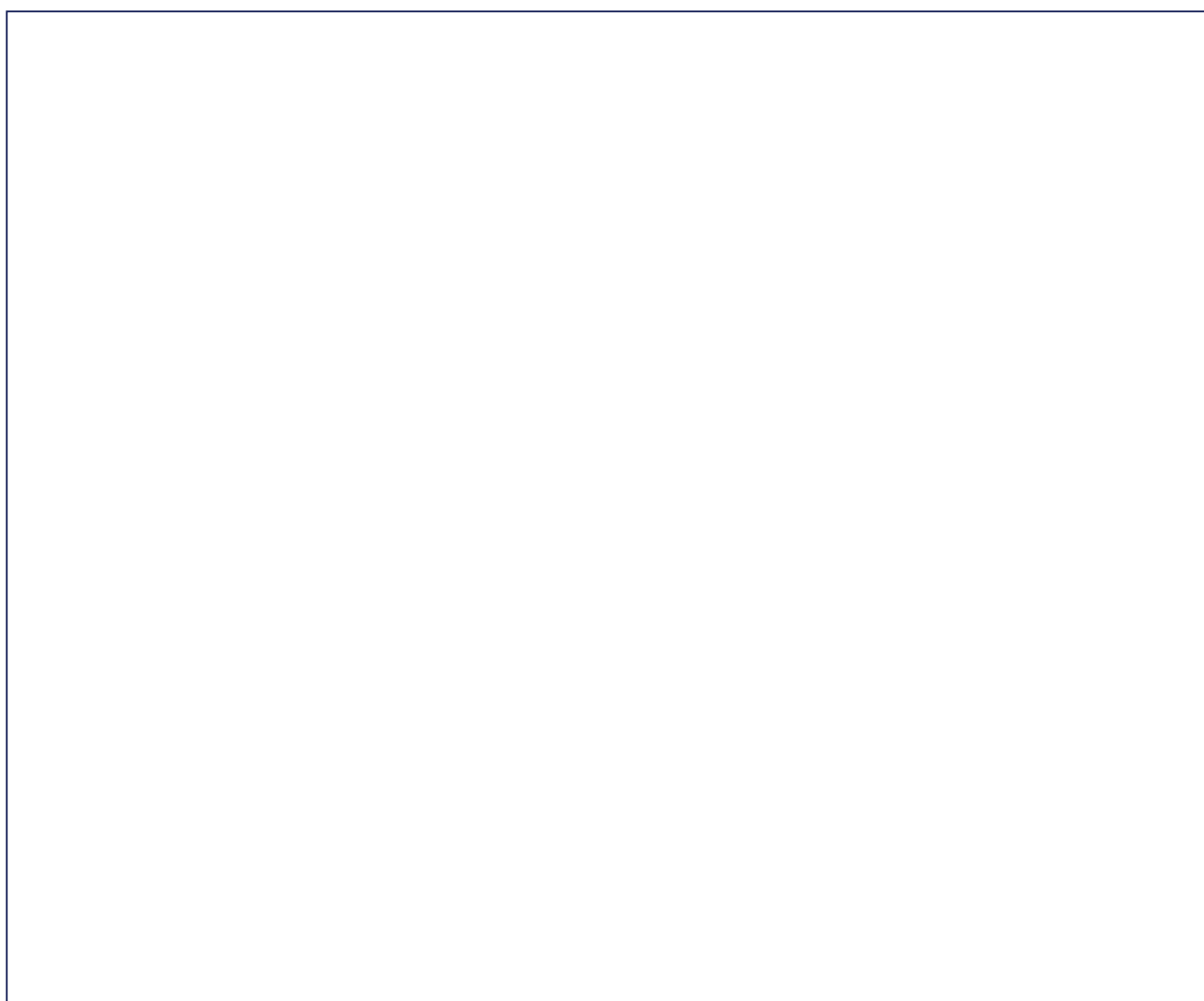


Front Page Reporter: The Great Library Discovery

Learning objective: To identify and illustrate the structural features of a newspaper report, including layout, imagery, and supporting captions.

Imagine that Kit the fox has just discovered a hidden map inside an ancient book at the village library. Use your drawing space to design the front page of 'The Forest Gazette' to report this breaking news story. Ensure your layout includes space for a main image, a headline, and a caption.

Draw: Draw the layout of a newspaper front page on a sheet of A4 paper. Use a 'Tabloid' style layout. Include a large, rectangular box at the top for the 'Masthead' (The Forest Gazette). Below this, leave space for a bold headline. Draw a large central illustration of Kit the fox holding an ancient, dusty map in a library. Include a small box beneath the illustration for a caption. Divide the remaining space into two narrow vertical columns for your article text.



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

Steps:

1. Explain why it is important for a newspaper report to have a catchy, bold headline at the top of the page.
2. What might happen if a newspaper included an image of the discovery but forgot to add a caption underneath it?

3. Compare and contrast the language used in a newspaper report compared to a fictional storybook.
4. Label your drawing to show where the 'Byline' (the author's name) should be placed and justify why this is necessary.
5. Justify why the 'Lead Paragraph' must contain the 5 Ws: Who, What, Where, When, and Why.
6. If you were the editor of 'The Forest Gazette', how would you ensure the tone of your report remains professional and informative?