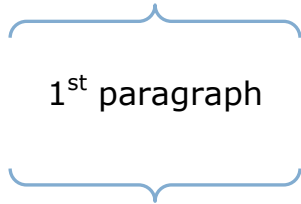
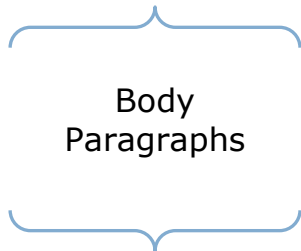
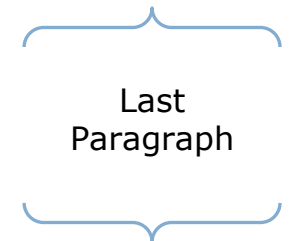


Tips for writing successful news articles...

 1st paragraph In your first one or two sentences tell who, what, when, where, and why. Try to hook the reader by beginning with a funny, clever, or surprising statement. Go for variety: try beginning your article with a question or a provocative statement.

 Body Paragraphs Give the reader the details. Include one or two quotes from people you interviewed. Write in the third person (he, she, it, they). Be objective -- never state your opinion. Use quotes to express others' opinions!

 Last Paragraph Wrap it up somehow (don't leave the reader hanging. Please don't say...."In conclusion" or "To finish..." (yawn!) Try ending with a quote or a catchy phrase.

Bonus Tips:

- Use active words (verbs that show what's really happening).
- Take notes when you interview. Write down quotes!
- Tell the really interesting info first!