

Task: Imagine you are a journalist for the Oklahoma Times. Write a newspaper report about the death of Dallas Winston at a vacant lot (Chapter 10).

Think

What genre (type) of text should you create?	
Who is the audience for this text?	
What type of language should you use (formal/informal)?	

Brainstorm

If you were asked to write a short story, the **ingredients** would include characters and plot. The ingredients of a diary entry might include a date and writing about your feelings.

What are the **ingredients** of a newspaper report? Write a list of the ingredients in this box:

Plan

A good newspaper article will answer the following questions in the opening paragraph: who, what, when, where and why.

Describe the key moment in chapter 10 of *The Outsiders*.

Who was involved?	
What happened?	
Where did it take place?	
When did it happen?	
Why did it happen?	

Your newspaper report should also include the following:

Headline (should grab the attention of the reader)	
Eye-witness reports – who saw what happened? What did they say about it?	

Write

Your newspaper report should...

- be based on the events of chapter 10 in *The Outsiders* (you must read back over the chapter 10)
- answer the questions who, what, when, where and why
- have an attention-grabbing headline
- include quotes from at least **three** eye-witnesses