**So, you have conducted your interview, how do you write your article? The best way to structure a newspaper article is to first write an outline.**

**Review your research and notes. Then jot down ideas for the following six sections. Remember, this is just a foundation upon which to build your story.**

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| **Article Outline** |
| **I. Lead sentence**  Grab and hook your reader right away! |
| Type here. |
| **II. Introduction**  Which facts and figures will ground your story? You have to tell your readers where and when this story is happening. Consider addressing all five W’s (who, what, when, where, why). |
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| **III. Opening quotation**  What will give the reader a sense of the people involved and what they are thinking? |
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| **IV. Main body**  What is at the heart of your story? |
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| **V. Closing quotation**  Find something that sums the article up in a few words. |
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| **VI. Conclusion**  What is a memorable way to end your story? The end quote is a good way to sum things up. That doesn’t always work. If you are quoting more than one person with different points of view in your story, you cannot end with a quote from just one of them. Giving one of your interviewees the last word can tilt the story in their favor. |
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**Remember, this is just an outline. The characteristics of a new article include multiple sources and multiple quotes. Your interview with the expert should be the center of the article, but you could include quotes from others to add different perspectives. Also, paragraphs are generally much shorter in news articles than a structured paragraph for a school paper.**

**Also, consider taking picture to accompany your article. Your article will be consider for publication in the Beacon. If you have a photograph, your chances for publication increase.**