



# PBS NEWSHOUR

## STUDENT REPORTING LABS

### What is Newsworthy?

#### Newsworthy Vocabulary

*When journalists talk about what's newsworthy, they rely on the five news values below. Think of one example of a big news story from this year and fill out the third column using its information.*

<b>1. Timeliness</b>	Immediate, current information and events are newsworthy because they have just recently occurred. It's news because it's "new."	
<b>2. Proximity</b>	Local information and events are newsworthy because they affect the people in our community and region. We care more about things that happen "close to home."	
<b>3. Conflict and Controversy</b>	When violence strikes or when people argue about actions, events, ideas or policies, we care. Conflict and controversy attract our attention by highlighting problems or differences within the community.	
<b>4. Human Interest</b>	People are interested in other people. Everyone has something to celebrate and something to complain about. We like unusual stories of people who accomplish amazing feats or handle a life crisis because we can identify with them.	
<b>5. Relevance</b>	People are attracted to information that helps them make good decisions. If you like to cook, you find recipes relevant. If you're looking for a job, the business news is relevant. We need depend on relevant information that helps us make decisions.	