

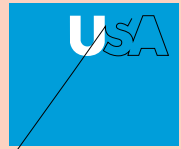
When you know how a text is generally organized, you are able to figure out where to find the information you need. For example, I'm sure you have discovered by now that when a textbook bolds information, that information tends to be important and is usually a clue as to what the paragraphs preceding it are about. Since USA TODAY will be one of your "textbooks" for the semester, it is important to know how articles are generally organized. Luckily, all newspaper articles follow the same general structure, which is called the inverted pyramid. Once you learn this structure, you will be able to quickly find information in any article you ever read.

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Purpose for reading: To recognize articles' common organizational structure.

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