**News Report Assignment**

**Underground to Canada**

Focus on one event that happened in the novella, *Underground To Canada.* Please choose one of the following events, or create your own. If you choose your own, you must get it approved by the teacher first.

* Alexander Ross’ trial
* Julilly and Liza’s arrival in Canada
* Julilly and Liza escape from the Riley plantation

Make sure you follow the news report structure listed below:

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| 1st Paragraph | 4 w’s: Who, What, When, Where |
| 2nd Paragraph | Why and How? |
| 3rd Paragraph | Interview - someone who witnessed the event |
| 4th Paragraph | Extra information - what will happen next? Reference a future event |

**News Report Rubric**

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| **Categories** | **Level 1**  **(50-59%)** | **Level 2**  **(60-69%)** | **Level 3**  **(70-79%)** | **Level 4**  **(80-100%)** |
| **Knowledge & Understanding**  *Form of a newspaper; paragraph structure* | Demonstrates limited knowledge and understanding of content | Demonstrates some knowledge and understanding of content | Demonstrates considerable knowledge and understanding of content | Demonstrates thorough knowledge and understanding of content |
| **Thinking**  *Writing process, creative thinking* | Uses writing process and creative thinking with a limited degree of effectiveness | Uses writing process and creative thinking with some effectiveness | Uses writing process and creative thinking with considerable effectiveness | Uses writing process and creative thinking with a high degree of effectiveness |
| **Communication**  *Clear expression; logical organization; conventions* | Expresses and organizes ideas with a limited degree of effectiveness | Expresses and organizes ideas with some effectiveness | Expresses and organizes ideas with considerable effectiveness | Expresses and organizes ideas with a high degree of effectiveness |
| **Application**  *Connections to the novel* | Makes connections with a limited degree of effectiveness | Makes connections with some effectiveness | Makes connections with considerable effectiveness | Makes connections with a high degree of effectiveness |