

Worksheet #8

Self-Assessment Checklist for the Hurricane Press Release

Note to students: Before you submit your press release, make sure you have checked for the following:

1. Your headline catches the attention of the reader.
2. Your first sentence, or “lead,” sums up the main idea of the article.
3. The specific area (city and country) is listed in the first paragraph.
4. Your first and second paragraphs answer the questions: who, what, when, where, and why?
5. The body of your article tells the extent of the damage and how the disaster affected:
 - The people
 - Their homes
 - Their schools
 - Electricity and water
 - Transportation
 - Agriculture
 - The economy
6. You provide details and examples from primary source documents.
7. Quotations (you can make these up) are used to add interest and support.
8. You illustrate ways that Dominicans helped Dominicans.
9. You give an example of the world community coming together to help the Dominicans after the hurricane.
10. You describe, from your own viewpoint, the way in which a natural disaster can unite people, no matter what their country or culture.
11. Your spelling, punctuation, and grammar are error-free.