

Name _____

In a newspaper or magazine, a **human interest story** is a story that talks about a person or people in an emotional way. It presents people and their problems, concerns, or accomplishments in a way that elicits **interest**, sympathy or motivation in the reader.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Pair up with a classmate. Take turns interviewing each other. Ask each other questions and take notes on the answers. Consider asking things like:

What is the best thing you have accomplished lately?

What have you done that you are very proud of lately?

What has happened to you lately that made you feel sad?

Do you have or have you solved a particular problem lately?

2. After your preliminary interview is complete, review your notes. Choose one thing that your classmate told you about that you want to follow up on. Then conduct a second interview to get all of the facts about the topic. Ask:

Who?

What?

Where?

When?

Why?

How?

3. Use the material you have collected to write a human interest story about your friend. Use a separate sheet of paper. When you have finished, draw a picture of your friend that relates to the article you have written.

ANSWERS WILL VARY