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**Lead Article**

The most important news of the day. It always is in the upper right corner of the front page.

**Headline**

A quick summary of the article’s content. The larger the headline, the more important the news.

**Dateline**

The place where the reporting for an article was done. If there is no dateline, the article was either written in New York or it was written with no relation to the content of the story. It is called the dateline because it used to include the date the article was reported.

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**Bank or Deck**

Subheadings with other important facts in the article.

**Byline**

The writer or writers of an article.

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A signpost that an article continues (“jumps”) to another page. Sections of The Times are designated by letters. Some of these are:

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**The Ear**

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