

Bustle-Style Article: Native Issues

While people find précis-style accounts of non-fiction works boring, some news outlets found more interesting ways to incorporate primary and secondary sources into their articles. Through click bait titles, list formats, and thoroughly researched issues, sites like Bustle not only attract readers, but educate them on contemporary issues.

Directions: Today, you will research a native issue of interest and compose a concise article that addresses this native issue. And, just like popular news sites, you will expose a current issue plaguing American Indians by using an engaging title to hook your reader and structuring your article in a list format.

Possible Native Issue Topics:

- Exploitation of Natural Resources
- Representation of Natives in Film
- Celebration of Columbus Day
- Remembrance of Thanksgiving
- Loss of Culture and Language
- Rates of Domestic Abuse/Alcoholism/Poverty
- Appropriation through Halloween Costumes

Bustle-Style Article Requirements:

1. Select a native issue
2. Research 2 primary sources
3. Research 2 secondary sources
4. Use research to develop an interesting stance/observation on the topic
5. Structure ideas in a list format that emphasizes interesting stance
6. Create a clever title that reflects the list and stance
7. Include at least 2-3 examples of primary sources and 2-3 examples of secondary sources to support your claim
8. Add voice to your writing – this piece should not have the formal tone of a research paper, but should still have the formal writing conventions of spelling, grammar, and punctuation
9. Include Accompanying Images

Native Article Rubric:

Research

- Uses at least 2 primary sources _____/2 points
- Uses at least 2 secondary sources _____/2 points
- Correct citation format _____/2 points
- Sources clearly contribute to your stance _____/4 points
- Sources smoothly integrated into writing _____/4 points

Content

- Title is interesting and descriptive _____/2 points
- List format provides clear structure _____/2 points
- Thorough, accurate explanation of issue _____/5 points
- Clear topic sentences, smoothly guide reader _____/2 points

_____/25 points