

To plan and write a newspaper article

Catchy Headline: Could use alliteration, word play, puns. Needs to draw the reader in.
Opening paragraph: Answers the 5ws (who, what, where, when, why). Don't go into too much detail. The reader should know the main facts of the story without having to read on.
Main paragraph 1: Introduce the fact that the highwayman seems to be visiting the village at night. Why? Do people really know? Is he stealing from people as well? How would villagers feel? Who might give a quote here?
Main paragraph 2: This will be about the arrival of King George's men. What did they do? Were they welcomed? Who could give a quote? Perhaps the landlord? Other villagers?
Main paragraph 3: This should be about the deaths/tragedy? How did people feel now? Was the loss of Bess difficult? Who might be quoted here?
Final paragraph: Summarise. What might happen in the future? Anything learned from the tragedy? A short couple of sentences.
Other things to include: An illustration with a caption.

Remember to:

- Vary your sentences structure and length.
- Use high level vocabulary.
- Use a mixture of direct and reported speech as well as you (the journalist) telling the news.
- Stick to facts (people giving quotes can have an opinion).
- Make sure your punctuation is accurate.