

Commentaries – Editorial writing – Newspapers

Here is a list of frameworks to consider when you are writing a commentary – but remember you must always consider the effect. Eg what is the effect of the sentence structure, jargon etc.

- Lexis - Is it formal/informal?
 Is there jargon/field specific language?
 Is there figurative language?
 What is the context?
- Grammar - Does the sentence structure have any effect?
 Is there active/passive voice?
 Which word classes are relevant, are there
 patterns?
- Semantics- How is the meaning made?
 Semantic fields – interrelating words
- Pragmatics- Are there underlying meanings?
 Any metaphor?
 Connotations, implications?
- Graphology- Are the pictures, headlines, layout etc relevant?
- Representation- This is crucial.
 Is cultural knowledge required to understand the
 text?
 Stereotypes?
 How are the people in the stories represented?