

REPORT WRITING – GRADES 5 & 8

Bulleted list example:

Report

A student wrote this fact sheet comparing television in 1965 to television today. Read the fact sheet and then write a response to the prompt that follows.

Television Then and Now

Television in 1965 and Now

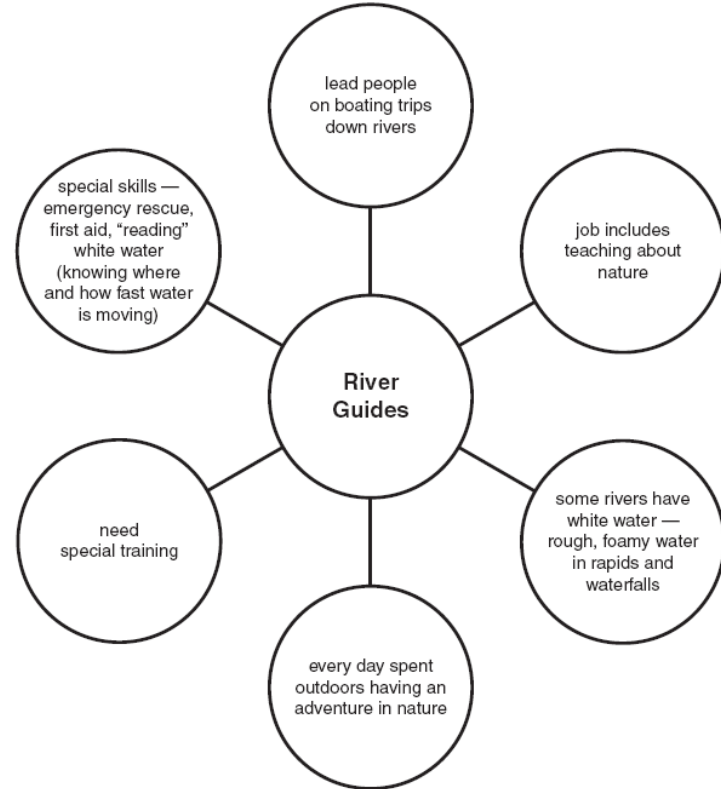
- only three major television networks in 1965: NBC, CBS, and ABC
- NBC began in 1926 as a radio network
- top five shows in 1965–1966:
 - Bonanza*, an hour-long Western
 - Gomer Pyle, USMC*, a half-hour comedy about a private in the Marines
 - The Lucy Show*, a half-hour comedy
 - The Red Skelton Hour*, an hour-long comedy show with a comic and guest stars
 - Batman*, a half-hour series about a comic book hero
- in 1965, many television series dealt with spies; there were many Westerns on TV
- political ads for presidential campaigns had just become common
- most television shows broadcast in color, not in black and white
- in 1964, 94% of American households had televisions; now 98% do
- in 1964, 7% of televisions were color; now 99% are
- in 1964, 2.4% of households used cable; about 70% do now. Cable was used in areas where it was difficult to get a good television signal
- no VCRs and DVD players. Today over 90% of households have access to a VCR
- in 1965 average television operated 5 hours and 30 minutes a day. Now average television operates 7 hours a day

Use information from the fact sheet and your own knowledge to write a report that compares television in 1965 and television today.

Web organizer example:

Report

A student made this organizer about people who work as river guides. Read the information in the organizer and think about what it is like to work as a river guide. Then write a response to the prompt that follows.



Write a paragraph that explains what it is like to work as a river guide. Choose information from the organizer to support the main idea of your paragraph.