Evidence: Do the Facts Hold Up?

Find a news story that is interesting to you and that includes answers to all six of the reporter’s questions (who, what, when, where, why and how).

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| **News story title: Date:**  **Publication:**  **Writer(s):**  **Two-sentence summary:** |

Answer the following questions using your selected news story. Then verify (find a second source that supports) your answers, or explain why you can’t verify the fact(s).

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| **What:** What happened? | Can you verify this answer? (circle one) **YES / NO** |
| If YES – Cite a source that confirms your answer. |
| If NO – Cite a source that contradicts your answer.  How is the answer found in this source different? |

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| **When:** When did it happen? | Can you verify this answer? (circle one) **YES / NO** |
| If YES – Cite a source that confirms your answer. |
| If NO – Cite a source that contradicts your answer.  How is the answer found in this source different? |

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| **Where:** Where did it happen? | Can you verify this answer? (circle one) **YES / NO** |
| If YES – Cite a source that confirms your answer. |
| If NO – Cite a source that contradicts your answer.  How is the answer found in this source different? |

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| **Why/How:** Why/how did this happen? | Can you verify this answer? (circle one) **YES / NO** |
| If YES – Cite a source that confirms your answer. |
| If NO – Cite a source that contradicts your answer.  How is the answer found in this source different? |

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| **Who:** Name a key person in this story and describe their involvement. | Can you verify this answer? (circle one). **YES / NO** |
| If YES – Cite a source that confirms your answer. |
| If NO – Cite a source that contradicts your answer.  How is the answer found in this source different? |

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| Based on your additional investigation, do you think the facts in this story hold up? **YES / NO**  Explain: |