



Writing: Newspaper Reporting

In 1908, Ikuda Purdy, a paniolo at Parker Ranch, took home the world championship roping title in a cowboy competition Cheyenne, WY. Below is a newspaper clipping from the time. Guide students to write the news article that accompanies this headline.

Procedure:

*Copy and distribute the second page of this activity to students.

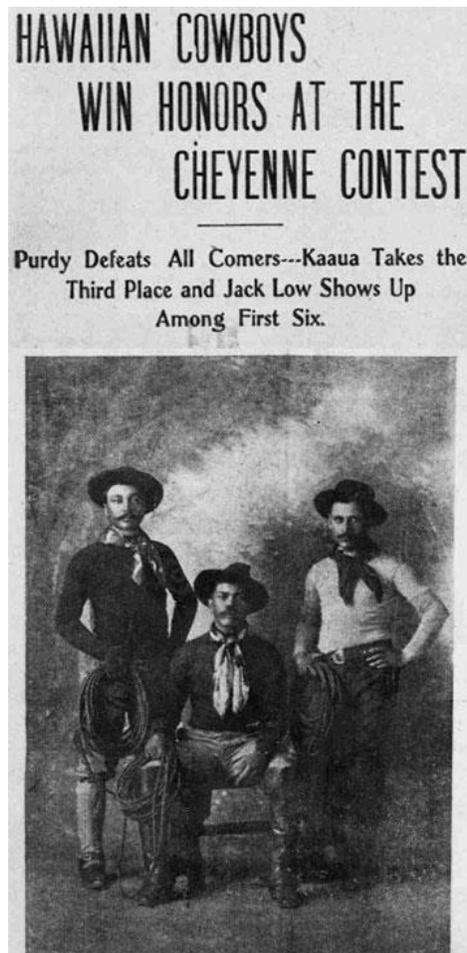
*Review the key elements of a news report.

*Guide students to address the following in the article:

- Describe how they looked.
- Describe how they rode their horses.
- Describe what they did that might have wowed the audience.
- Describe how they roped the steer.
- Describe how they performed rope tricks.

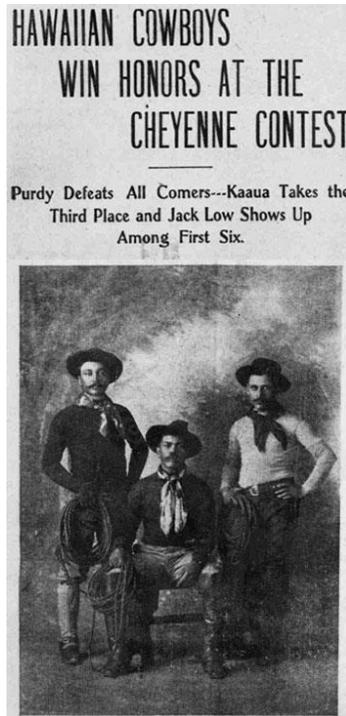
*Build from the following information:

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Key elements of a News Report are:

1. **Headline**
 - a. Catches your attention
 - b. Sums up the story
2. **Placeline**
 - a. Where the story begins.
3. **Lead**
 - a. The opening section
 - b. Gives most important information
 - c. Should answer most of the 5W's
4. **Body**
 - a. Supplies detail
 - b. Most important details come first
 - c. Simple true statements
5. **Quotation**
 - a. What someone actually said
 - b. Adds accuracy
 - c. Adds "at the scene" feeling



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EXAMPLE:

