

# Nursery Rhyme Activity

The purpose of this activity is to let you play around with bias. Make sure you've watched the journalism lecture before completing this activity. This is not a graded assignment. This is a time to practice this type of writing so you're ready to do it for your book report.

**Step 1.** Choose a nursery rhyme.

**Step 2.** Decide on what two biased points of view you can apply to the story. Keep in mind you'll most likely have to add to the story to create the bias or round out the events. That's not only okay, it's encouraged! Get creative!

**Step 3.** Using the Checklist below, write two articles of between three and five paragraphs. This is practice for your next book report, so work the kinks out now!

**Step 4.** Evaluate your articles with the checklist and make any changes necessary to make sure you've covered every point in the checklist.

**Step 5.** Pat yourself on the back ... nice job! Time to move on to your next book report.

## Nursery Rhyme Activity Checklist

- A minimum of three paragraphs (max five)
- Lead paragraph
  - o Make sure you've included the WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, and WHY
- Your headline must have a subject and verb (leave out the articles if possible!)
- Make sure to include a byline so we know who the author is
- Included a dateline that shows the location of the story
- Article must contain at least one quote. When you write/choose a quote, consider this:
  - o Does the quote add to the story?
  - o Is it clear who said it and why?
- Inverted pyramid
  - o The information you include should get less and less important the further you read
- Bias
  - o Does the article have a visible bias?
  - o Is the article still written in objective point of view?