



**DIRECTIONS:** Select a story or other item from the newspaper that presents a problem. It may be something simple and fun such as a comic strip or something more difficult such as an advice column, news story, letter to the editor or other opinion. Based on your reading, answer the following questions:

1. What is the problem?

2. What are the causes?

3. What are the effects?

4. What are the solutions?

5. What are the obstacles to the solutions?

6. What is the most likely outcome?

7. What is the preferred solution, in your opinion?

**FOLLOW-UP:** Over several weeks, collect stories about a problem and use the outline to summarize what you find out and your thoughts about the outcome.