**Journalism Warm-up 12/3/2014**

Summary Lead Writing: Study the notes below to create a well- written summary lead.

Notes:

* + - no organized sports in high schools next year
    - Includes football, baseball, swimming, basketball, etc…
    - Athletic programs in high schools cost each school $100K+
    - Budget cuts require cutting sports
    - Athletes angry, parents, coaches, fans are devastated too
    - Dozens of people protested at the school board meeting on Tuesday night
    - One board member said “We have no choice. It’s sports or math.”
    - School dropout rate will increase
    - One coach said “Without the accountability of being a responsible student athlete, many students will not try as hard in academic courses. No doubt, discipline problems will increase.”
    - Another coach said “Sports offers more than a game and players – it teaches life skills of persistence, sportsmanship, personal identity, and group dynamics.”
    - One parent said, “Athletic scholarships will be a thing of the past since recruiters will not be able to assess athletic ability at public events. My son won’t go to college.”
    - One student said, “If I can’t play sports for my school’s team, I will probably go crazy. Part of me will just die. I love playing for a high school crowd.”
    - There has to be a way to cut the budget without cutting all school sports.

Effective Summary Lead:

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Alternative Leads to a Summary lead:

* A Descriptive lead
* A Question lead
* A Quotation lead
* A Direct Address lead
* A Surprise lead