

# *Choosing Good Quotes & Information*

*News Writing*

# TODAY

*We will* learn types of quotes  
to avoid *and* those to seek out.

*I will* use my knowledge of  
quote and information  
selection *to* analyze a  
transcript *to* choose good  
information *to* include in a  
story, then write the story and  
edit another person's work.

## ON YOUR OWN

*Read the following  
section of a news story.*

**What feels weird  
about this?**

The concert was going to be a big moment for Otto Place, a gay, Latino man who is wheelchair bound.

“I am sad,” he said.

# ON YOUR OWN

*Read the following section of a news story.*

**What feels weird about this?**

*There is **information** about the source that seems — based on the information — really **irrelevant and distracting**.*

*The **quote** is also super boring. The quote may have put the information in context, but only gives readers a summary of their emotion with no real storytelling.*

# ***WHAT YOU SHOULD HAVE LEARNED***

1. Good quotes are **emotional, opinionated or provide eyewitness testimony** — all of which in a way that would **lose its flavor if it was paraphrased**.
2. **Boring quotes focus on facts or are a summary** of how the interviewee feels. These make the story dry.
3. **Avoid** choosing information or quotes that were **already said or irrelevant**.