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The Newspaper Clipping Guide for 2026

A newspaper clipping makes a story feel real: a gift, a scrapbook page, a class project or a film prop. This guide covers the five newspaper styles, how to write a headline the way newspapers do, what to put in the story details, how to print an old-looking clipping, and a page to plan yours.

The five newspaper styles

Style	How it sounds	Good for
Vintage 1920s	Formal, dramatic, florid	Birthday and anniversary gifts
Modern Broadsheet	Clear facts first, neutral	School projects, announcements
Tabloid	Short, loud, sensational	Funny gifts, roasts, parties
Victorian	Ornate, long, moralistic	Historical fiction, theatre props
Breaking News	Urgent, present tense	Thrillers, surprise news

Write the headline the way newspapers do

Use the present tense and an active verb: "Mayor Announces Record Budget". Be specific: names, places and numbers you know. For a vintage page lean into drama, for a tabloid go big. The headline shapes the whole article.

Story details for a gift

1. The person's full name and hometown.
2. Two or three things they are known for.
3. The occasion: a birthday, a wedding, a retirement.
4. A newspaper name like The Rose Family Gazette.

Print an old-looking clipping

1. Make it a Word document and set two columns.
2. Use a serif font, or a heavy black one for a tabloid.
3. Print on cream or kraft paper.
4. Tea-stain the edges for an aged look, then frame it.
5. Keep it fiction: never present it as a real news report.

Plan your clipping

Fill this in, then make it on the Newspaper Clipping Generator.

Headline

Newspaper name, date and byline

Story details: names, places, facts

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