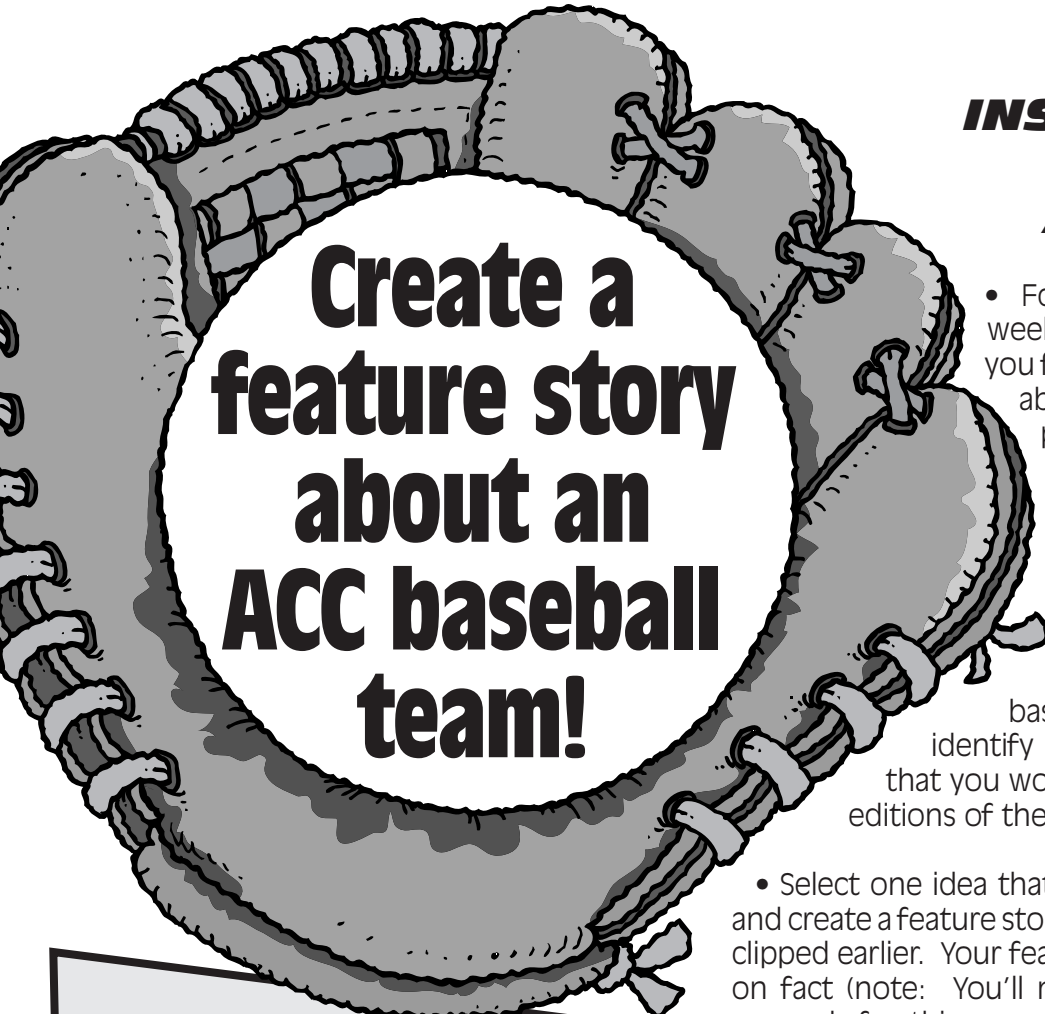


## INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACTIVITY



**Create a feature story about an ACC baseball team!**

- For a period of several weeks, read sports features you find in the News & Record about various ACC baseball players, teams, leagues and organizations. Clip feature stories you find to use as models for your own writing.

- Using hard news you find about your ACC baseball favorite team, identify 3-5 feature story ideas that you would like to read in future editions of the Times.

- Select one idea that especially interests you and create a feature story, similar to the ones you clipped earlier. Your feature story may be based on fact (note: You'll need to complete some research for this approach!) or you may create your feature story based entirely on conjecture (educated guesses and assumptions).

- Use a separate sheet of paper to create your feature story. Be sure to clearly label your story as a "Fictional Feature" or a "Factual Feature". Submit your feature story to a couple of classmates for their suggestions about improving your writing. Make any necessary rewrites and mount the finished product on construction paper for a classroom bulletin board display on the baseball features.

**Feature stories are an important part of sports reporting.** Feature stories about baseball players, teams, various leagues and their supervisory organizations can give readers information that may not have been contained in hard news sports reporting.

Features, like hard news, contain lots of informative material or news, but features give **an opportunity for an emotional approach** to reporting. Features, unlike hard news, do not necessarily contain the element of immediacy.



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