News Story Analysis Worksheet

<http://www.theage.com.au/world/is-the-us-heading-for-war-with-iran-20111103-1mxks.html>

Directions: Using the news story provided, analyse the content to learn more about the topic as well as the process of writing an informational news story. Be as specific as possible with all of your answers, referring back to the news story in your answers when appropriate.
1. What was the headline for the story? Is the US heading for war with Iran?
2. Discuss the effectiveness of the headline in summarizing the story and getting the reader’s attention. Another war, who’s main involvement.
3. Briefly describe the factual content of the story related to the lead: 5 W’s and the H.
• Who: US, Iran, Saudi Arabia and Israel.
• What: War on Iran
• Where: Middle East
• Why: Tensions building from Iran and Israeli governments.
5. Facts in a news story are supposed to be arranged from most to least important. Do you believe the author did this effectively? Why? Yeah sure they did.
6. Writing style is important in keeping those reading and listening to the story engaged. Comment on the use of the following throughout this story:
• active voice – A lot of quotes within article
• unbiased reporting – Surely.
8. In what way did the use of quotations….
• add to the credibility of the story? Sure did.
• make the story more interesting? A-little

9.Comment on the use of visuals and other links to this article. How they provide a more comprehensive coverage Picture of Israel testing its new missiles

-11. What 3 questions would you use to lead a discussion of this article? When would anything happen, would Australia be involved or called upon and Why does Iran continue to piss everyone off?

12. What do you think of this article? Interesting.