Revision

Text 1: Extra Time

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What is this text?

This text is a newspaper article from the Observer. It is an informative text that explains how the Watersheddings rugby ground in Oldham changed over time. It is also nostalgic—it would appeal to rugby fans, particularly ones who remember the ground. It contains explanations of some key events: see below.

What are its features?

Adjectives:

* Modest
* Rugged
* No-frills

Opinions:

* A “simple, no-frills rugby ground”
* “Special”
* “Caustic microclimate”—“caustic”: rough, abrasive, relating to the “no-frills” mentioned earlier in the article. “Microclimate”: self-contained, a good community of rugby fans.

Facts:

* “The stadium started life in 1889” tells the reader that the ground is old and has lots of history.
* “[The Huddersfield game] drew a 28,000 people crowd” shows that the club was very successful.

Images.

The text is complemented by three images: the main picture shows fans watching the Rochdale game in 1954, and there are two other pictures: one of the rugby ground in 1995 and a recent picture of a commemorative plaque. The images benefit the reader in that they give him/her something to refer to—the black and white image shows just how old and previously successful the ground was, and may make the reader a little sad, as the ground is now unused, yet with so much history. The caption gives more detail about the images, such as when the ground closed.