

## Exploring Underreported Stories: Article Analysis

Title	Author	Date Published
Deaths in Pa. Jails Are Undercounted. Our investigation found dozens of hidden cases	JOSHUA VAUGHN BRITTANY HAILER	NOVEMBER 10, 2023

Summarize: Critical Facts from the Text

- Pennsylvania is facing a rise in mishandled prison deaths
- An investigation revealed the many ways prisons are getting around reporting deaths to family / the public
- The classification of death causes isn't appropriate

Analyze: What is the writer's overall claim?

Prisons around the country need updated systems and policies for monitoring, reporting, and preventing prisoner deaths.

Evaluate: What do you notice about the writer's structure or organization? How effective is it for the purpose of the text?

The author uses sub-headings (ex. 'The first-ever database') to break up the text into chunks the reader can better understand, and it gives a nice transition between topics.

Evaluate: Focus on the multimedia components of the text. What photographs are used? Videos? Podcasts? Other visuals? How effective are they in adding to the purpose of the text?

The author uses many pictures and charts/graphs. The pictures bring pathos to the article, and are often of family of the victims. The charts show logos through statistics about the deaths.

Reflect and Extend: What new understanding do you have after reading this article? What questions do you have that are unanswered from the text? What do you want to ask the writer? What related questions or ideas does this text give you?

I wonder about the specifics of what makes investigating a prison death so expensive (the article says \$35,000 before a lawyer. I want to know what specifically costs that much.)