

Cambridge v. Oxford

The nature of the two teams competing means that many of the attendees at the event are rich, privileged and politically powerful. This means that certain people view it in high regards, whereas to others it is not very important.

The boat race was interrupted by a protester who swam across paths of the boats, meaning that the race had to be temporarily stopped. He claims that he was protesting against the rich and wealthy and powerful in this country. This particular incident has met with different responses.

- How have they used **language** and what does this show about their attitude towards the incident and the protester?
- What is the newspaper's **editorial viewpoint** on the incident?
- Can you tell what the **audience** of each paper might feel about the boat race from the way that the newspaper has written about the incident?

The Observer

Not a good day for a dip Protester disrupts Oxford–Cambridge Boat Race



Oxford look on in alarm as anti-elitism protester Trenton Oldfield swims perilously close to their blades during yesterday's dramatic Boat Race clash with Cambridge. He was arrested for a public order offence and the race was restarted, with Cambridge going on to win after Oxford broke an oar. Oxford rower Alex Woods was stable in hospital last night after collapsing at the finishing line. (Report, page 2) Photograph by Richard Heathcote/Getty

The Daily Mail

'THEY NEARLY TOOK HIS HEAD OFF'



Fury as fanatic sabotages Boat Race

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TOFF-HATING LOON SINKS BOAT RACE

THE Boat Race descended into chaos yesterday after a crazy protester swam across the course. The anti-rich nut was arrested.

Cambridge won the race after a re-start which saw Oxford smash an oar. And an Oxford rower collapsed at the finish line and was rushed to hospital.

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Choc and Oar!

Easter Boat Race turns to chaos as swimming protester halts the event, an oar breaks, and a rower collapses 3



Have you considered the use of

- *Formal and informal language?*
- *Exaggeration and understatement?*
- *Fact and opinion?*
- *Pun?*
- *Humour?*
- *Dramatic language?*