

Structural Elements of the story						
Sentence	Proposition	Codification	Syntactic	Script	Thematic	Rhetorical
S1	Marois to visit Scotland, where a binding referendum on independence will be held before the end of 2014	ToRef, ActGov	Title	Actor, action	Theme 1: Qc visit to Scotland as part of political agenda	
S2	Premier Pauline Marois travels to Davos, Switzerland, London and Edinburgh.	ActGov	Lead	Actor, action	Theme 1: Qc visit to Scotland as part of political agenda	Enumeration "After visits to Kinshasa, Paris, Halifax and New York, (...) Switzerland, London and Edinburgh"
S3	Visit to Scottish capital closer to Marois and the goal of her Parti Québécois to make Quebec an independent country	ActGov	Intention	Actor, action, context	Theme 1: Qc visit to Scotland as part of political agenda	"closer to the heart" gives a sentimental note
S4	Edinburg Agreement signed by Cameron and Salmond British government agreed to delegate the power to hold a referendum to Scotland	ToRef, ActGov, ActOp	Episode	Causal relation between events	Theme 2: Scottish referendum Subtheme of theme 2: Political Agreement between parties	Neutral qualifiers: British Prime Minister (signifier of the actor) Scotland's First Minister (signifier of the subject)
S5	"This is the right decision for Scotland" said Cameron "It is also right for the UK that there will be one simple, straightforward question about whether Scotland wants to stay in the UK or separate itself from the UK"	BApol, ActGov RAter	Quotation Quotation		Theme 3: Political solution is Independence Subtheme of theme 2: the clear question	
S6 - S10	(Historical reference to the Parti québécois's two referendum questions)		Background & secondary information	Context	Subtheme of Theme 1: Historical Background / The referendums in Québec	
S11	SNP proposed: "Do you agree that Scotland should be an independent country?"	ActOp, Solref	Episode	Actor, Action	Subtheme of theme 2: Referendum question proposed by Scotland	
S12	Salmond toyed with the idea of a 2-question referendum Proposing "devo-max" - maximum devolution of powers from Londong to Edinburg	ActOp BApol	Background - antecedents	Causal relation	Subtheme of theme 2: Referendum question Theme 3: Political solutions = devolution	"toyed" infantilising qualifying verb
S13	Salmond closer to Parizeau		Background			"closer to Parizeau than to Lévesque's approach" Comparison
S14	Parizeau undeterred that his option was trailing in the polls		Background		Theme 4: Public Opinion	exemplar
S15	Salmond not bothered that independence option has minority support	ActOp, ToEI	Paraphrase	Transition	Public Opinion in Scotland for independence	as is the case for Québec sovereignty now Comparison
S16	Ipsos-MORI poll suggested support for independence slipped by 5 percentage points	ActPro	Background Paraphrase	Context	Public Opinion	Quantification "30% of decided voters, 56% opposed"
S17	Salmond said he was confident that presenting "a positive vision for the future" the SNP can win the referendum reversing the 1707 Act of Union	ActOp BApol SolRef BApol	Quotation	Causal relation	Theme 5: Leadership Theme 6: Consequence of independence Theme 2: Scottish referendum Subtheme of theme 6: Historical background / Unification Acts	
S18	Salmond was elected head of SNP government	ActOp	Background	Context	Theme 5: Leadership	Like Marois - Comparison
S19	SNP gained majority in 2011 elections Salmond used majority to push referendum agenda	ActOp, ToEI ActOp, ToRef	Background	Causal relation	Theme 4: Public Opinion Theme 2: Scottish referendum	
S20	Independent Scotland would retain British pound and the Queen calling on Royal Navy to remove nuclear submarine would issue Scottish European passports	BApol, BAeco, BApol	Background	Causal relation	Theme 6: Consequence of independence Theme 6: Consequence of independence	
S21	The referendum question is being considered by Britain's Electoral Commission which will run Scotland's independence referendum		Background		Subtheme of theme 2: Referendum question	
S22	The Electoral Commission's verdict is not binding		Background			
S23	The Scottish parliament will decide the final question		Background		Subtheme of theme 2: Referendum question	
S24	The Yes side and No side will have television time can mail their position document to voters	ToRef	Transition		Theme 7: Referendum election campaign	catchphrases - "Yes Scotland" for the campaign in favour of independence, "Better Together" for the campaign against. Quantification in fraction - 4 million voters out of a population of 5.2 million.
S25	Both sides will be limited to £1 million	ToRef			Theme 7: Referendum election campaign	
S26	Voting age of 16 allowed to vote Calls to Marois and Intergovernmental Affaire Minister Alexandre Cloutier were not returned	ToRef			Theme 7: Referendum election campaign	Comparison - Like the PQ
S27			Journalist comment		Professional journalist routine	