

GUIDELINES FOR WORKING WITH HISTORICAL NEWSPAPERS

Worksheet



For over a hundred years, countless newspapers have appeared every day and reported on what happens around the world. That's why we can get a lot of information about the past from newspapers. Apart from pictures, newspapers consist mainly of articles made up of text. In this guide, you will find out how best to deal with newspaper texts and work with them to get the information you need.

1. READ and DESCRIBE

Read through the text. It doesn't matter if you don't understand everything right away. In this first step, it is only important to read everything once and see what the article is about.

- Which newspaper is the text from?
- What date is the newspaper from?
- What is the title of the text?
- Who is the author?
- What is the topic of the text?
- Mark all the words/expressions you do not understand.



2. ANALYSE and INTERPRET

When you have answered the first questions, you should read the text again. Now that you know what the text is about, you will understand it better.

- Now look up all the words/expressions you didn't understand.
- Try to summarize the most important points of the text in a few sentences.
- What people, places, and events do you know that appear in the text?
- Is the text more positive or negative? Is anything/someone praised or criticized?
- Is there a demand in the text? What might be the author's goal?



3. FORM your OPINION

Now you know the text and can form your own opinion about it.

- Do you personally think the article is good or bad?
- Do you agree with the author? If not, why?
- How do you think the readers reacted to the article at that time?

