

HOUGHTON MIFFLIN

Making a Newspaper



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BOSTON

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- Printing a newspaper was hard work during the 1700s.
- Printers needed ink, paper, and metal letters called type. They needed a printing press, too.
- Printing a newspaper took a lot of time.
- A printer might work 14 hours a day.



 Newspapers had lots of text.
 Printers often copied stories from other newspapers.
 Sometimes printers wrote about their own beliefs.
 These writings were called essays.



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- Newspapers had very few cartoons.
 They did not have any photos because there were no cameras!
 But newspapers did have ads.
- Ads made large amounts of money because people paid to have the ads printed.



- The stories, essays, and ads had to be printed on paper. First, printers took metal letters from a box.
- They put the letters together
 to form words and lines of type.
 Printers locked the type
 into a metal frame.



 Next, printers spread ink over the type. Then they put paper across it.
 The printing press pressed the paper against the type. The result was a printed page of newspaper.



- Workers hung the printed page up to dry.
 Printers could print as many as 240 pages each hour!
- After printers finished printing a page, they took the type apart.
 Each letter went back to its place in the box.



Today's newspapers have lots of text.

There are stories, essays, and ads. Today's newspapers have lots of color, too.

There are color photos, cartoons, and ads.



- Printers from the 1700s would be amazed by today's tools.
- These inventions make newspaper printing much quicker and easier.
 - Today, text is typed on computers because changes can be made quickly and easily.



- Today's printing presses print thousands of sheets of paper each hour!
- Today, many people even use computer technology to print newspapers.
- These accomplishments are amazing! What will people come up with next?







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