Victorian Newspaper Project

You and your partner own a newspaper in Victorian London, circa 1840’s. You want to create a newspaper that covers human interest stories in London, but also important world news. Create a new Google Doc, then go to Page Setup and change the paper size to tabloid (11x17), change all four margins to .5”, and change the paper color to #c79849. Plan out graphics and create boxes for illustrations (complete these after printing).

Your newspaper must include these elements:

- **Title**: An imaginative newspaper title, with a subheading that includes your names, date, London, England and a publishing group name.

- **“News” Articles**: Two main articles. One must cover the industrial revolution and one must cover Victorian moral issues. Research news (Poor Law, workhouses, etc.) and statistics. Each student will write one of these articles (use titles and bylines), and help their partner revise and edit. These articles are 250+ words each and both must have a graphic with caption. Format these in 2 or 3 even columns.

- **“Biography” Articles**: Two articles that cover important people of the time, OR one of their inventions, ideas, plays, art pieces, etc. Be creative! One must be Charles Dickens and A Christmas Carol. You can simply write an informative article, or obituary, or letter to the editor about the person. These articles are 150+ words each. Include bylines and clever titles and a graphic for each article. Format these in single columns.

- **World News Headlines**: Mention several world news stories from the 1840’s. American-Mexican War, CA Gold rush, Opium War, etc. Research! 2-3 sentences each.

- **A Best Seller list or books**: Research! Include Dickens, Marx Darwin, Mendel, Poe.

- **Other clever and creative touches** to make your newspaper more interesting and realistic. You might include: interviews, advertisements, newspaper banner, crossword puzzle, word search, comic strips, classified ads, fashion news, food, health, weather, etc. Must be associated with Victorian London! Be creative and have fun.

- **A back page editorial** of 2-3 paragraphs that summarizes the main ideas in your newspaper. This is similar to a reflection. This should be typed in a separate Doc, then printed, cut and glued onto the back of your newspaper. Title it “Editorial Reflection”.
# Single Point Rubric

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Jack the Ripper terrorizes London! If you have any information please contact Scotland Yard

The London Times

Charter News Group
Abby & Marley Tubach

London, England
19 December 1843
God Save the Queen!

This is the title to a main article

The Industrial Revolution was the transition to new manufacturing processes in Europe and the United States from the mid 18th century to the mid 19th century, partly overlapping the Victorian Era. This transition included going from hand production methods to machines, the increasing use of steam power and factory production. Technological progress was defined by the invention of the telegraph, telephone, steam engine, and the rapid increase of railways and factories. It really ..........