**VICTORIAN AGE**

(1837–1901)

The reign of queen Victoria spanned for almost the entirety of the 19th century, indeed the young monarch became queen in 1837 and died in 1901. Her reign lasted for over 60 years, a period where Great Britain acquired unprecendeted wealth and power. Britain’s reach extended across the globe because of its empire, political stability, and revolutionary developments in transport and communication. In particular, during the Victoria age we witness the industrialization of printing, thanks to the invenction of the steam press: this innovation profoundly influenced the production and distribution of newspapers in Great Britain. As a matter of fact the technological developments deeply affected the evolution of newspaper in the ninenteenth century, reaching an amount of prints such as to inaugurate the very notion of mass media

Many flagship periodicals that were born in this period are still being published today: e.g. The Daily Telegraph was first published in 1855 and the Daily Mail, born in 1896.

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Steam power and industrial processes would profoundly change the manufacture, production, and distribution of newspapers in the nineteenth century. Though technologies are never solely responsible for dramatic historical changes, steam printing so increased the speed, scale, and affordability of the newspaper as to redefine it in modern terms.

Many journals were born in the Victorian era: