**VICTORIAN AGE**

(1837–1901)

The reign of queen Victoria spanned through almost the entirety of the 19th century; indeed the young monarch ascended the throne 1837 at the age of 19 and died in 1901. Her sovereignty lasted for over 60 years, making it the longer reign up until that time. Even though, the title for most enduring reign has been equalled by the current monarch, Elizabeth I, the Victorian era will always be remembered as a period of unprecedented wealth and power for the United Kingdom. In fact, the reign of Queen Victoria was characterized by political stability, and revolutionary developments in transport and communication. During the Victoria age we witness the industrialization of printing, thanks to the invention of the steam press: this innovation profoundly influenced the production and distribution of newspapers in Great Britain. As a matter of fact, accomplice the significant reduction of the stamp tax (from four pence to one penny) in 1836 alongside the mentioned technological developments of those years, the circulation of newspaper in the nineteenth century was deeply affected, reaching an amount of prints such as to inaugurate the very notion of mass media.

It is important to point out that it was in this period that newspapers began to experience a higher degree of freedom of the press; therefore periodicals can be considered as both a precious record of historical, economic and political matters but also as a reflection of the Victorian dynamic cultural and society.

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.

**The layout**

For the parchment we decided to opt for this grainy off-white paper. In fact, even though in the beginning of the century in question the papers were generally yellowish due to the “hard water” procedure, by the time Queen Victoria came to the throne therw were already been made some progresses in this sense: ground lime which contains calcium carbonate was used to cleanse the fibers during the beating process resulting in off-white papers.

The main title should stand out and catch the reader’s eye. We decided to use cloister, an elaborated serif typeface with ornate borders that is part of the “old-style” typefaces designed by american typeface designer Morris Fuller Benton (LINK) in . Even though the publication date of cloister is subsequent to the XIX century we believe it’s a good fit for the Victorian style.

The subtitle is always in uppercase and the font used is Bodoni Moda; this specific font is a variation of Bodoni, the serif typefaces first designed by Giambattista Bodoni(LINK) in the late XVIII century that was still widely used in the XIX century (that is actually characterized by fewer stylistic innovations)

The date and the author of the article div has a top and bottom border of 2px each.

The body of the article is also in Bodoni Moda and it’s divided into 4 column, to give the idea of a Victorian newspaper without clashing too much with the webpage.

Every secondary title (e.g. h3, h4, etc.) is bold and has a solid border of 2px top and 2px bottom; moreover, after every secondary title the first letter of the first paragraph showcases font variations (drop-cap) as it was in use in the XIX century.

For the main page and the sides of each issue we decided to showcase another feature of Victorian newspapers: advertisement. During the 19th century newspapers increasingly made their profit from selling advertisting that publicized mainly health remedies, food and beverages (e.g. Lipton Tea and Coca-Cola)

**COLORS**

**For what concerns the 19th century Victorian newspapers the colours are quite limited, the text is in black (#000000) and for the background we decided to use a off-white colour: platinum(#E4E3E1) to recreate what a piece of paper would look like at the time.**

SOURCES

**In this section it is possible to see some British newspapers of the time. We also included the American newspapers The Sun: firstly, because it is believed that the Victorian style was influenced by New York and secondly, to give an idea of what was going on across the Atlantic.**

PINTEREST

This is deliberately not historically (veritiero) but tries to be representative of the period

A crayola paper has been used to render how a 1800 newspaper would look like.

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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:

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**ANNI 90, inizio anni 2000**

**Even though the beginning of the new millenium was considered as a pivotal moment, we can see clearly the extension of the 90s into the early 2000s. These two decades are deeply interconnected and are one the continutation of the other.**

**The society is influenced, especially in America, by a successful economy that has a really low unenployment and by a consumerism society running rampant. Due to the economic boom and the consequent rise in job opportunities mass immigration grew rapidly creating the ground for a multicultural society. We can also see an improvement in the worldwide connectedness of economies and cultures after the demise of the Soviet Union in 1989. The globalization, previously struggling because of the filibuster of the URRS is now in full blossom also influenced by the World Wide Web, a 90s invention, that grew in the early 2000s and birthed the social networking era: MySPace, Friendster, Facebook and Twitter are all products of the first years of the XX century. These were also the years in which we became increasingly aware of climate change and global warming and when we finally started to accept homosexuality.**

**From the point of view of popular culture, we remember these years for the sitcoms Seinfeld and Friends, the flip-phones and keyboards phones (eg. Blackberries), the rise of hip-hop music and the rise and fall of questionable yet iconic fashion trends. Fashion and consequently fashion magazines were the relief valve in which popular culture in particular converged and through which is was possible to keep up.**

**LAYOUT**

**COLORS**

**Four colours were used for the creating a simple yet elegant rendering: floral white (#F9F6F0) is the background-color of the articles, fire opal (#DE6449) is used for the drop-cap, claret (#f1f5dc) is the colours of the subtitles and the subtitle and secondary titles, finally cadet (#5F696D) is …... This was a personal choice but the everything has been thought to look like a fashion magazine of the late 90s-early 2000s.**

**SOURCES:**

**Our main source is Vogue magazine from which we took some representatives articles from the issues of June 1998, October 1996 and January 2002.**

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The revolutions of 1989 and subsequent liberalization in many parts of the world resulted in a significant expansion of global interconnectedness.

Immigration grew sharply during the rapid economic and job expansion of the 1990s

In these years we see a rise in multiculturalism, due to mass immigration and globalization,

But we can see a “continuazione” between the 90s and the early 2000s: rise in multiculturalism, alternative media (INTERNET), hip hop (Eminem)

Extreme advances in new technology: cable tv and the WWW

The culture was influenced by the Generation X and early millenials: tattos, body piercings

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Television show: Seinfeld

Nirvana

**2000s**

Breakthrough of CHINA

Growth of the INTERNET; contribution to globalization + social networking sites (Friendster, Myspace, Facebook and Twitter)

Awareness of climate change and global warming, became common concerns in the 2000s

Popular cylture:

Low rise jeans, chokers, polo shirts (flip phones and keyboard pohones blackberry phones) + IPOD

Television show Friends

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