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## Worksheet 2

What were the characteristics of Yellow Journalism? When was the Yellow Journalism period?

Some characteristics of Yellow Journalism include sensationalistic news coverage, extensive usage of illustrations, circulation-building stunts, and promotions. This type of Journalism also includes highly clickbait-y headlines and does not necessarily cover anything of substance. The Yellow Journalism period started in the early-1880s and ended in the mid-1890s.

Read the copies of the newspaper(s) you collected.

https://www.nbcnews.com/business/business-news/india-s-covid-crisis-has-ripple-effects-garmen t-industry-worldwide-n1269306

• What are the major characteristics of the newspaper you read today?

The primary characteristics of my newspaper include having a very eye-catching topic.

The headline was "India's Covid crisis has ripple effects for garment industry worldwide." I am not exactly sure how someone could correlate India's Covid crisis to worldwide clothing availability.

• Describe the news content in the paper generally (e.g., sensational topics, disasters, crimes, sex, or serious news):

The content of this paper was generally a form of serious news with a sensitive topic.

How much advertising did you find in the newspapers you read today? Who are the advertisers (or product categories)

Initially, I had adblockers on, so I had zero ads anywhere. Upon switching them off, the ads piled up. The primary type of ads that I got were vacations and computer parts. As for the quantity, there was not as much as I thought. I was initially expecting to be flooded with ads, like on YouTube, but there was a respectable two-three advertisement per page.

Do you think your local newspaper will die soon, if not already "dead"? If you were to market or reinvent your local newspaper, what would you do?

I believe that the traditional newspaper died a while ago but was transferred to online articles rather than having hard copies. I would have probably done what these other large news outlets have done to deliver my content. I would have moved to an online approach with a focus on getting more views while maintaining integrity.