

Early Journalism

America's First Newspapers

-often only _____ sheet long

-full of _____, _____, and material from anywhere an editor could find (including _____ and _____)

The first newspaper was called _____

-published in _____ by Benjamin Harris

-was _____ after _____ issue by the British

-The _____ was the first continuously published newspaper in America

-started in _____ by John Campbell

-published with government (_____) approval

_____ of the Press

Sedition: stirring _____

-early newspapers that _____ the government were accused of _____

-it did not matter if the information was _____ or _____

-a writer named John Peter _____ wrote an article criticizing the _____

-he was arrested for "seditious _____" and thrown in jail

-Andrew Hamilton, an _____, defended Zenger.

-He announced that Zenger _____ write the articles

-He appealed to the jurors, saying...

Every man who prefers _____ to a life of slavery will bless and honor you as men who have baffled the attempt of tyranny; and by an _____ and uncorrupt verdict, have laid a noble foundation for securing to ourselves, our posterity, and our neighbors, that to which nature and the laws of our country have given us a right-
-the _____ both of _____ and opposing arbitrary power...by speaking and writing--Truth."

Zenger was found _____.

By 1775, when the _____ Revolution began...

There were _____ newspapers being published.

They were typically _____ the Revolution--especially because the _____ Act put taxes on periodicals.

The _____ Amendment

The writers of the _____ did not write much about the freedom of the _____ in the Constitution.

The Constitution only mentions it because most _____ constitutions already mentioned it.

However, the _____ of _____ talks about it...

--First Amendment was _____ in 1791

--guarantees a _____ press:

"Congress shall make _____ law...abridging the freedom of _____, or of the _____."

First _____ newspaper: Pennsylvania Post (_____)

First _____ newspaper: Students Gazette (_____)

The _____ Press

1833: Benjamin _____ founded the New York _____

--full of news

--sold for _____ penny

news included:

--_____ beat

--tragedies in the city

--natural _____

--less politics

These newspapers were sold out on the _____ instead of by _____.

Readers were primarily the _____ class born out of the _____ Revolution.

This also led to _____ becoming an important part of newspapers.

Checking Your Understanding...

- 1) Why would advertising be important in the Penny Press?
- 2) Why would the United States think the freedom of speech/press was important?
- 3) Why would the Penny Press have less politics?
- 4) Why would the British want to suppress (put down) newspapers that were pro-Revolution?