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The Mitchell Archives
ANSWER KEY

- 1) The first English language newspaper was the OXFORD Gazette, printed on November 16, 1665 in OXFORD, England.
- 2) The King of England, King Charles II, on that day, was holding court 60 miles west of Oxford as he was trying to keep them all away from the PLAGUE.
- 3) February 16, 1666, the king decided it was safe to return to LONDON.
- 4) The name of the Oxford Gazette was changed to the LONDON Gazette, which is still published today.
- 5) Before the first newspaper, people got news by a NEWS book that had no columns and was really a news PAMPHLET.
- 6) An example of a first newspaper that did have columns is the Pennsylvania Packet and Daily Advertiser. On April 13, 1789 It printed coverage of the very first presidential ELECTION in the United States and showed that GEORGE WASHINGTON got the most votes and JOHN ADAMS got the second most votes.
- 7) The Continental Journal and Weekly Advertiser, published in BOSTON, Massachusetts, on October 5th, 1780 tells about Benedict Arnold's act of treason.
- 8) John Paul Jones' victory was reported by a witness in the Pennsylvania Packet on January 22, 1780.

- 9) The 1783 copy of the Freeman's Journal, published in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, contains the preliminary TREATY of PEACE which ended the Revolutionary War.
- 10) During the Civil War, the July 4, 1863 edition of the NEW YORK TIMES, had eyewitness accounts of the Battle of Gettysburg.
- 11) The National Police Gazette on April 22, 1865 showed by illustrations, the assassination of President ABRAHAM LINCOLN by John Wilkes Booth.
- 12) Coverage of the Great CHICAGO Fire in the New York Tribune on October 10, 1871, told of "100,000 HOMELESS Persons Appealing for Aide."
- 13) One of Mr. Mitchell's rarest newspapers is the second issue of The Black Hills Pioneer published in DEADWOOD City, South Dakota on June 17, 1876.
- 14) The Chicago Daily Tribune on November 3, 1948, printed their headlines with the wrong person winning the PRESIDENTIAL election. There also was a typesetter strike at the time and that probably accounted for why some of the print on the front page was printed UPSIDE- DOWN.
- 15) Mr. Mitchell shows a New York Herald from the year 1872 that explains the famous quote, "Dr. Livingston, I presume."
- 16) The first regularly published newspaper and the only newspaper in the American colonies between 1704 and 1719 was the BOSTON NEWSLETTER.
- 17) In 1729, BEN FRANKLIN took over running the Pennsylvania Gazette.