



Student worksheet 1: Newspapers

I read, I think, therefore...

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Before Confederation

- The first newspaper in what we now call Canada was the *Halifax Gazette* (1792).
- The number of newspapers grew from 20 in 1813 to 291 by 1858.
- As cities and towns grew, so did the number of newspapers. In the 19th century, many newspapers began as voices for political reform.

1867 to 1920

- Newspapers became more people-centered after 1900, and sections covering sports and entertainment were added.

1921 to 1967

By 1965 there were _____ English daily newspapers and _____ weekly ones, _____ French daily newspapers and _____ weekly ones, and _____ foreign daily newspapers and _____ weekly ones. The total number of newspapers in 1965 was _____.

Canada Year Book 1967, Table 12, page 892.

Compare the number of households with the circulation of newspapers. The ratio of household to circulation of daily newspapers was _____. The ratio of household to circulation of weekly newspapers was _____.

Canada Year Book 1967, Table 13, pages 892 to 893.

I think

Give your thoughts about the progress of newspapers in Canada. In your own words, describe milestones in the Canadian newspaper industry.

Therefore

Sum up your thoughts and draw at least one important conclusion about whether or not the government's goal to connect all Canadians was met.
