

NEWSPAPER WEB TREK

A. INTRODUCTION

You will be using an online resource from the Los Angeles Times (or the L.A. Times) to learn how a newspaper is made, and what kind of work goes into newspaper production, from reporting news stories, to taking photos, to printing the paper and delivering it. Answer the questions in complete sentences, and use only the website listed below.

B. RESOURCES

L.A. TIMES ONLINE TOUR:

<http://www.latimes.com/extras/tie/virtualtour/adayinlife/index.html>

C. STUDENT QUESTIONS

1. What are "sources"?
2. What is "enterprise journalism"?
3. Explain how photographers send in photos to the L.A. Times.
4. How do reporters in Afghanistan send their material to the Times in Los Angeles?
5. How much can the L.A. Times change the photos that are sent in?
6. What happens in an editorial conference?
7. What does the copy editor do?
8. What is a "dummy"?
9. What is "pagination"?
10. What happens after pagination?
11. How many plates are needed for color printing for newspaper and magazines?
12. How large can newspaper rolls get?
13. What are the three biggest expenses for the L.A. Times in creating newspapers? How much can one roll of newsprint cost?
14. How long is the Olympic Plant of the L.A. Times?
15. How many pages can the Goss Colorliner presses print per minute? What is the average printing speed? Go ahead and click on the printing press image to explore it further.
16. What happens if a paper tears while on the printing press rollers?
17. What does "collated" mean?
18. How many newspaper copies are in one delivery bundle?
19. What does a "palletizer" do?
20. What is newspaper "stuffing"?
21. How many people get the L.A. Times delivered daily from Monday to Saturday? What time do the papers arrive by? What about the Sunday papers?