

The Guardian and The Observer (1791-2003)

Fearless reporting and controversial opinions

THE GUARDIAN (1821-2003) and its sister paper, *The Observer* (1791-2003) give readers online access to facts, firsthand accounts, and opinions of the day about the most significant and fascinating political, business, sports, literary, and entertainment events from the past two centuries. From Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo to the Russian Revolution to Nelson Mandela's release from prison, these British historical newspapers bring history to life for researchers.

The Guardian and *The Observer* have reputations for fearless reporting and controversial opinions. *The Guardian* was first published in response to the Peterloo Massacre. Originally known as the *Manchester Guardian*, it was a Saturday-only paper until the newspaper stamp duty was repealed in 1855. Businessmen who hated its progressive opinions would tear the paper in half, throw the commentary out the train window, and only read the portion containing stock prices.

The Observer, the world's oldest Sunday paper, was first published in 1791. Thought-provoking writers such as George Orwell, Vita Sackville-West, Clive James, Philip Toynbee, and others were contributors, continuing a tradition of freedom of the press and providing serious coverage of politics and literature.

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Why *The Guardian* and *The Observer*?

- Full access to these British historical newspapers:** Users can study the progression of issues over time by browsing issues of *The Guardian* and its sister paper, *The Observer*, which offer coverage of 1821–2003 and 1791–2003, respectively, including news articles, photos, advertisements, classified ads, obituaries, cartoons, and more.
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January 25, 1901: *Queen Victoria dies and Edward VII ascends the throne.*

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