

# The Times Digital Archive, 1785-1985



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*"We call this a 'dream of a database,' a full-text archive providing access not only to articles from The Times, but also to advertising and classified ads, birth and death notices, book reviews, crossword puzzles, letters to the editor and the Court Page, which details activities of the royals. — Booklist (January 2003)*

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## FEATURES:

- More than 1 million pages representing more than 7 million articles
- Narrow search by newspaper section or category
- Digitally enhanced images deliver optimum viewing/printing quality
- Thumbnail images within results show size and location of article on the page
- Search terms highlighted in each chosen article

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## A window on the world ... for 200 years

### Achievements

- Look up reports on the winners of the Nobel Prize since 1901
- Track the doomed attempts to conquer Mt. Everest before Sir Edmund Hillary succeeded in 1953
- Follow Dr. David Livingstone's exploration of Africa beginning in 1840

### War and Conflict

- Learn how region and religion contributed to the Crimean War of 1854
- Chart the history of the Northern Irish conflict during two centuries
- Understand the horrors of Pol Pot's genocide regime in Cambodia

### Opinions and Debates

- Review features and columns covering the issues and opinions of the day
- See how the National Vegetarian Societies viewed wartime food rationing
- Read letters of uproar from 1928 regarding policemen being banned from chewing gum on the beat

### Entertainment and Leisure

- Find a wealth of musical reviews, from classical and jazz to rock and pop
- Follow the emergence of Hollywood and its icons
- Compare theatre reviews from Brecht and Beckett to "Beauty and the Beast"

### People and Places

- Search notices of birth, death and marriage
- Research local histories from a national perspective
- Use law reports and news coverage to delve into crimes across centuries

### Transport and Living

- Chart how fashions have changed from the bustle to the miniskirt
- Follow the evolution of transportation from the stagecoach to the bullet train
- Create a potato dish from a recipe published in 1938

### Advertising and Crosswords

- Find Guinness ads from the 1930s promoting the ale as a health tonic
- Discover that Colgate used to be famous for their shaving foam, not their toothpaste
- Challenge yourself to the famed Times crossword puzzles

### Search functionality

With 1 million pages, this collection captures every page in its entirety, including every front page, illustration/photo, article, editorial, advertisement and birth/death/marriage notice. Each article is assigned to one of 26 subcategories, which roll up into seven main categories. This facilitates accurate results by allowing users to search for just those types of stories that are applicable to their research.

- **Keyword Search** permits searching by title, author and full-text of the article
- **Relevance Search** analyzes each term for its frequency of use in each article and the frequency of use within all articles. Results are listed ranked by relevancy
- **Browse by Date** lets you find an individual issue of the newspaper and browse through the articles, page by page.
- **Advanced Search** provides searching by all article subcategories as well as a number of indices within a framework where you can build as simple or as complex a search expression as you want using index terms, Boolean linking operators and wildcards

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