Newspaper Design: USS Maine

It is February 17, 1898 and you work for a major newspaper. Your job is to design the front page for your newspaper. You will need to put everything on the front page that would normally appear there as well as pictures and headlines of the top news stories for the day.

You will need to:

* Decide what the top news story is.
* Pick out (write) a headline that will catch the attention of readers.
* Draw a picture for the front page (you don’t have real pictures available).
* Design the overall cover so that is appealing to readers and makes them want to buy your newspaper.
* Look at examples of newspapers from then and today. This will give you an idea of what you will need to include on your page. What do they have in common?

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Newspaper Article: USS Maine

It is February 17, 1898 and you work for a major newspaper. You have been assigned to cover the sinking of the USS Maine in Cuba. Your job is to write a story that newspaper readers will want to read! Remember, there are a lot of newspapers to choose from. Give the readers something they will want to read. Use your talents as a yellow journalist to write about the sinking of the Maine in Havana Harbor. You may use your textbook as well as any other material available to write your story. Remember, you are writing this as it happened two days ago NOT over 100 years ago.

Suggestions on what to write about:

* Who was involved?
* Where did it happen?
* What was the USS Maine?
* When did it happen?
* What is going on in Cuba?
* Where is Cuba?
* How did the Maine sink?

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Newspaper Article: Conflict in Cuba

It is February 17, 1898 and you work for a major newspaper. Two days ago the USS Maine was sunk in Havana Harbor, Cuba. Your newspaper has assigned you to write an article on the problems going on in Cuba. You can write about any part of the problem in Cuba you want EXCEPT the sinking of the Maine. You will need to discuss with your partners what to write about. Make it something good! Remember, there are a lot of newspapers out there to choose from. Do your part to make your paper the one the public picks to read. Using your talents as a yellow journalist, write a story that will catch the attention of the readers.

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