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### Newspaper Assignment

In this paper I will try to describe and compare the flavor of discussion and presentation concerning a) global events and the broader world; b) advertisements; and c) local events took place on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September in the years of 1877, 1933, and 2001. Doing so will enable me to look back at past events previously unknown to me that occurred before and after my birth on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September 1997.

Global events that occurred on 1877 and 1933 would be the Russian war with Turkey and beginning opposition to Nazi Germany. I couldn't really find any archive info on the New York Times for the September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2001 issue, but I can still make an accurate comparison between their presentation and overall attitude of the articles as they were written. The 1877 article on the Russian War with Turkey and the articles highlighting the beginning opposition to Nazi Germany give off the vibe of "Yeah this is something that you should kind of pay attention too, but not worry about since its not near us." I feel as if people reading these articles during their respective time periods wouldn't be hard-pressed on the information being given. It's just another tad bit of information. The only reason people notice these articles is because of most likely the ominous titles that draw the readers in. I can infer that the writing is probably the same in the 2001 issues, because it generally seems that way. Maybe it's because I'm looking at it from a future perspective, in which I know these hardly payed attention too events trigger world events down

the road. It is still interesting too see how these events like the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> World Wars, and 9/11 were around the corner, but people carried on like it was nothing.

In comparing the Local events 1877 and 1933 again were very similar as they focused on talking about events that were going either in New York or close to it. Both editions also had some the same type of stories as there were three main local events of a known criminal facing charges, a major tragedy, or a city sporting event. I was surprised to see these small, but subtle similarities. Its kind of like the saying goes “Can’t teach and old dog new tricks.” Meaning there may have been some world altering events going on, but people still went back to their daily lives, things still happened the same way. 2001 was different however as a lot of the issues were easily preventable by then, as technology had advanced leaps and bounds beyond those earlier years.

Lastly looking at advertisements in all three editions. The 1877 edition really advertisements relied more on describing the services or goods in writing, while the 1933, and 2001 edition advertisements focused on full pictures with minimal descriptive writing to market their goods and services. This to me exemplifies a change in the way people wanted to either perceive or receive information. This also could be where they stopped making newspapers all bland and serious and started making them more pleasant for all readers.

Throughout this paper I will tried to describe and compare the flavor of discussion and presentation concerning a) global events and the broader world; b) advertisements; and c) local events took place on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September in the years of 1877, 1933, and 2001. Doing so will

enabled me to look back at past events previously unknown to me and see how the writing  
different from period to period.