

Read all about it

Can you write a newspaper report about the Great Fire of Newcastle and Gateshead?

“A most fearful calamity has befallen Newcastle-on-Tyne and the adjoining borough of Gateshead.”

You might need a few important facts to help you. See if you can remember the answers to the questions below:

- Can you remember the date the fire took place?
- Where did the fire start?
- How did Newcastle set on fire?
- What was the policeman called?
- Where did the fire engines come from?
- How long did it take to put out the fire?

Look at this newspaper report, publishes a few days after the fire. It has a lot of writing and no pictures. Photographs or drawings are useful as they help to attract an audience to read the article, but also help us imagine what has happened.

“The is scarcely a house, office or public building within a radius of one hundred yards of the explosion which has not been injured, either unroofed or its windows broken.”

Your newspaper needs a few important details too. Make sure it has a catchy headline, something that will make people want to read it and make sure your facts are correct.



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