

Gale launches first complete online archive of The Sunday Times

180 years of dedicated foreign and domestic news from *The Sunday Times* will be made available through a unique digital archive, providing online access to nearly 600,000 pages of this historic newspaper. Gale, part of Cengage Learning (www.cengage.co.uk), is launching **The Sunday Times Digital Archive 1822-2006**, offering students, researchers and historians online access to the complete run of thoughtful analysis and commentary on the week's news and society at large since 1822.

Celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, *The Sunday Times Magazine* was the first newspaper magazine to hit the stands in February 1962 when it made its first appearance inside *The Sunday Times*. This magazine is entirely contained within the archive.

World famous for its thorough investigative journalism, *The Sunday Times* broke many key stories of the twentieth century, including the thalidomide scandal in the 1960s, the exposure of Kim Philby as a Soviet double-agent in 1967, and the revelations about the Israeli nuclear programme in 1986. Nineteenth century coverage is also extensive and particularly strong in the fields of Victorian literature, theatre and everyday life, with highlights including: a review of the opening night of Macbeth in December 1888, starring Ellen Terry in her famous green beetlewing dress; a letter from Charles Dickens, mediating in a dispute between his friend Edmund Yates and William Makepiece Thackeray; and the regular Freemasonry column, outlining the activities at various lodges.

The Sunday Times Digital Archive 1822-2006 is an online digital collection that allows users to search, retrieve and browse articles, providing a gateway to the greatest crime, career and culture stories of the last 180 years. It is an important resource for all humanities and social science courses, especially in the fields of history and culture, media, literature and theatre studies.

The archive offers comprehensive search parameters, allowing researchers to search by article title, author, page number, issue number, document number or key word. They can also quickly browse by issue and view all articles via a table of contents sidebar. They can then save, print, bookmark or email the documents. The image viewer allows researchers to pan, grab, zoom or crop images.

This archive is available as a subscription or one-off purchase to all academic, public and government libraries.

Seth Cayley, Publisher of Media History at Cengage Learning EMEA, commented: "*The Sunday Times* is one of the world's best-known weekly newspapers, but its long and rich history has been locked away until now. The digital archive will make available 180 years of landmark journalism, including fascinating reviews of the Victorian arts scene and the reports of the ground-breaking Insight Team in the 20th century. The ability to cross-search *The Sunday Times* archive with *The Times Digital Archive* will make this a key resource for anyone studying or working across the humanities."

Anoushka Healey, Group Managing Editor at *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* also commented on the publication of the archive, saying: "We are delighted about the launch of *The Sunday Times* Digital Archive which coincides with the 50th anniversary of *The Sunday Times Magazine*. *The Sunday Times* Digital Archive is the most comprehensive archive of *The Sunday Times* as not only does it go back to the very first edition but it also includes the award-winning magazine material for the first time. The fantastic success of *The Sunday Times Magazine* 50th Anniversary Exhibition is proof of the esteem in which *The Sunday Times* is held by its readers."

The Sunday Times Digital Archive is part of the Gale NewsVault programme which delivers a definitive cross-searching experience for exploring Gale's range of historical newspaper collections that enable simultaneous searches across titles such as *The Times* Digital Archive, *The Economist* Historical Archive and the *Financial Times* Historical Archive, providing access to more than 400 years of content.

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About the Sunday Times

Since 1822, *The Sunday Times* has provided thoughtful analysis and commentary on the week's news and society at large. Murder, theatre, sports and politics – all collide within its pages in an abundance of glorious narrative detail. World famous for its cutting edge journalism, the newspaper broke many of the key stories of the twentieth century, including the thalidomide scandal in the 1960s, the exposure of Kim Philby as a Soviet double-agent and the revelations about the Israeli nuclear programme in 1986.

Despite the similarity of names, *The Sunday Times* was an entirely separate paper from *The Times* until 1966, when both papers came under common ownership. To this day, *The Sunday Times* remains editorially independent from *The Times*, with its own remit and perspective on the news.