

History of American Media

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1. Who is John Peter Zenger?
2. What was he charged with and when?
3. What is sedition? Libel?
4. What was the penalty for seditious libel?
5. What did Zenger really do?
6. What did Zenger's lawyer argue?
7. What is the best and only absolute defense against libel?
8. What was the jury persuaded by?
9. What legal precedent did this create for colonists?
10. The Zenger trial was a turning point because...
11. What part of the constitution did the Zenger trial impact?
12. What does it mean that the media is the fourth branch of the government and the watchdog of America?
13. Define yellow journalism:

14. Define muckrakers and what they did:

15. What were muckrakers often criticized for and why is this negative?

16. Describe who Nellie Bly was and describe at least one of her undercover adventures.