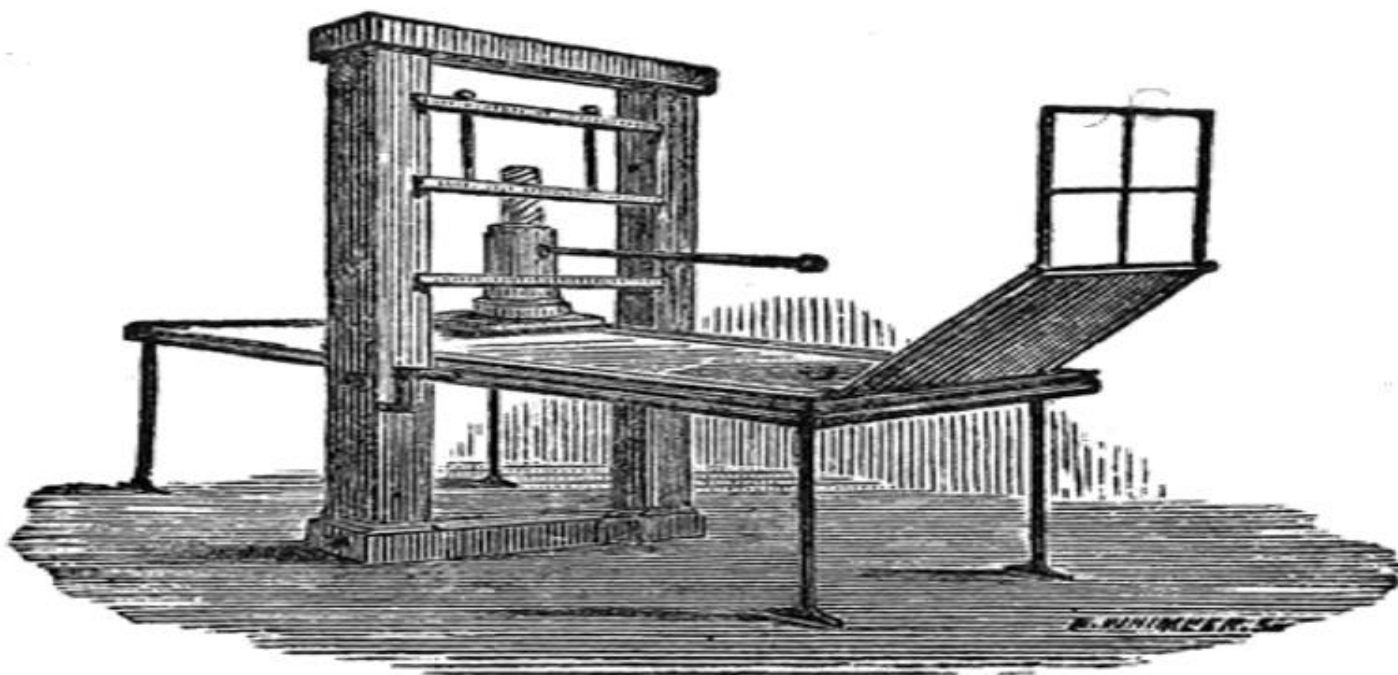


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Bell Ringer: The Reformation: The Impact of the Printing Press

Instructions: Review the picture. Read the background. Answer the questions.



Background: The Printing Press was created by Johannes Gutenberg (1400-1468). This machine used moveable metal type that could be arranged and pressed on paper to print pages for books. Gutenberg lived in Germany. One of the first books mass produced on the moveable metal type Printing Press was the Bible in the Vulgate Latin version. The Printing Press revolutionized the world. Before this time, the world's books had to be hand written by copyists. This was a grueling, time consuming endeavor. With the invention of the Printing Press, books could be made quickly and sold at a reasonable price. Humanity's understanding of science, literature, and other fields drastically increased because of Gutenberg's Printing Press. By 1450, the Printing Press was fully operational and the world was never the same because of it.

1. Who was Johannes Gutenberg?

2. How did the Printing Press change the world?

3. What are some modern-day inventions that help spread information like the Printing Press did in its time?

Answers:

1. Who was Johannes Gutenberg?
He invented the Printing Press.

2. How did the Printing Press change the world?
It helped spread information at a much faster rate than merely using copyists.

3. What are some modern-day inventions that help spread information like the Printing Press did in its time?
Cell phones, laptops, the internet, television, and the like help spread information today.