

TURNING POINTS IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY: Learning to spot key moments/movements
#6 GUTENBERG'S PRINTING PRESS AND FIRST PRINTED BIBLE (1455) (Paul E. Engle)

1. Religion Newswriters Association of America:
2. Mark Twain:
3. Time magazine called Gutenberg "Man of the Second Millennium."
4. Victor Hugo:

I. WHAT CONDITIONS LEAD UP TO GUTENBERG'S INVENTION?

- A. Very few _____
1. Copies in monasteries:
 2. Contrast this with the **Library of Congress** which has 35 million books, adding _____ new items each day!
 3. In Gutenberg's day there were only _____ copies of many important texts in the whole continent of Europe.
- B. Any books had to be _____
- C. Another difference was the amount _____
- D. Another difference is widespread _____

II. HOW DID GUTENBERG ENTER THE PICTURE OF HISTORY?

- A. Birth: When and where? _____.
- B. Describe Mainz:
- C. Johann's father:
- D. Local political tensions caused him to sail down the Rhine to Strasburg, France. Why making and selling small frame mirrors?

Why did this business come to an end?

- E. So Johannes turned his attention to the idea of developing a printing machine.
- a. Wooden blocks
 - b. Movable type:
 - c. What kind of ink?
- F. He modeled his machine on a _____ which had screw-drive mechanisms.
- G. What are uppercase and lowercase letters? _____
- H. He really wasn't the first to invent movable type. Who was?
- I. So what's unique about Gutenberg? _____
- J. How did Gutenberg afford to develop his machine?

K. What was the tragic end? _____

L. Why did Johannas focus on developing a printing press?

1. Perhaps because

2. Another motivation was:

3. Yet another motivation:

M. What did he print?

* He didn't start with _____ rather _____

III WHAT WERE THE CONSEQUENCES OF GUTENBERG'S INVENTION?:

A. A proliferation of _____

B. The spread of _____

a. Martin Luther

b. John Calvin

c. Girolamo Savanarolla

C. An explosion of the printing of books

Was everyone happy with this explosion of books?

D. The development of _____

Some call this an epistemological revolution

E. Development of supporting structures: What were they?

CONCLUSION: TRY TO IMAGINE WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE TODAY WITHOUT BOOKS. We have so much to be thankful for in this gift of common grace from God.