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 Johanna 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.