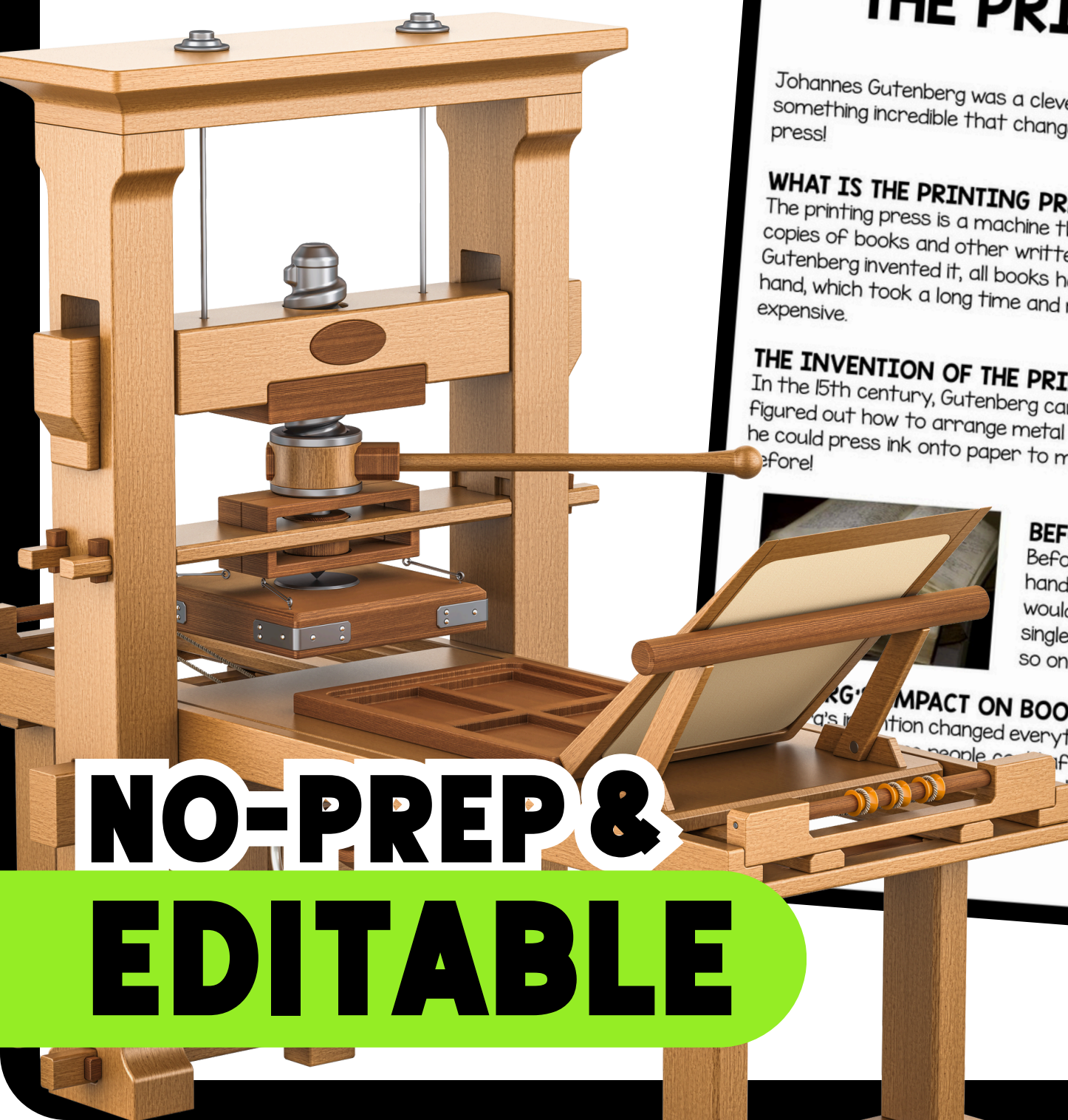


Library week

GUTENBERG PRESS

READING COMPREHENSION



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THE FIRST PRINTED BOOK

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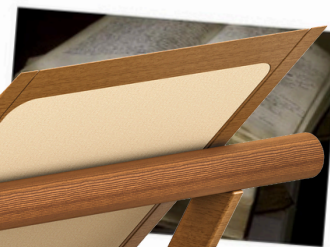
WHAT IS THE PRINTING PRESS?

The printing press is a machine that can quickly make copies of books and other written materials. Before Gutenberg invented it, all books had to be written by hand, which took a long time and made books very expensive.



THE INVENTION OF THE PRINTING PRESS

In the 15th century, Gutenberg came up with the idea for the printing press. He figured out how to arrange metal letters to form words and sentences. Then, he could press ink onto paper to make copies of books much faster than ever before!



BEFORE GUTENBERG'S TIME

Before the printing press, books were written by hand. Scribes, who were skilled at writing neatly, would spend months or even years writing a single book. This made books very expensive, so only wealthy people could afford to buy them.

GUTENBERG'S IMPACT ON BOOKS

Gutenberg's invention changed everything! Suddenly, books were much cheaper and more people could afford to buy them. This helped spread knowledge and ideas across the world.

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GUTENBERG'S LEGACY

Gutenberg's invention had a huge impact on the world. It paved the way for the spread of knowledge, the growth of literacy, and the rise of printing as an industry. Today, we still use printing presses to make books, newspapers, and magazines!



CONCLUSION

Celebrating Gutenberg and the Printing Press
During Library Week, we celebrate not only the joy of reading but also the amazing inventions that make books possible. Gutenberg and his printing press deserve a special place in our hearts for bringing the magic of books to people all over the world!

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GUTENBERG AND THE PRINTING PRESS (NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK)

DIRECTIONS CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. Who was Gutenberg?

- a) A famous author
- b) An inventor
- c) A king
- d) A painter

2. What did Gutenberg invent?

- a) The computer
- b) The printing press
- c) The telephone
- d) The telescope

3. Before the printing press, how were books made?

- a) They were typed on a computer
- b) They were written by hand
- c) They were drawn with crayons
- d) They were printed with a 3D printer

4. What did Gutenberg use to make copies of books with the printing press?

- a) Metal letters
- b) Pencils
- c) Paintbrushes
- d) Typewriters

5. Why were books expensive before the printing press?

- a) Because they were made of gold
- b) Because they were written by hand
- c) Because they were made of rare materials
- d) Because they were very large

6. What was the first book Gutenberg printed?

- a) A dictionary
- b) A cookbook
- c) The Bible
- d) A comic book

7. What impact did Gutenberg's invention have?

- a) They became more expensive
- b) They became harder to read
- c) They became cheaper and easier to read
- d) They became heavier

8. What did Gutenberg's printing press do?

- a) The spread of knowledge
- b) The end of reading
- c) The rise of handwritten books
- d) The invention of the internet

9. How do we still use printing presses today?

- a) To make cars
- b) To make newspapers, books, and magazines
- c) To cook food
- d) To build houses

10. Why do we celebrate Gutenberg and the printing press during Library Week?

- a) Because they were famous authors
- b) Because they invented libraries
- c) Because they invented the printing press
- d) Because they made books easier to read

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

- 1. Who was Johannes Gutenberg?
- 2. What invention is Gutenberg famous for?
- 3. How were books made before the printing press?
- 4. What was the first book Gutenberg printed?
- 5. What impact did Gutenberg's invention have?

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- 1. b) An inventor
- 2. b) The printing press
- 3. b) They were written by hand
- 4. a) Metal letters
- 5. b) Because they were written by hand
- 6. c) The Bible
- 7. c) They became cheaper and easier to make
- 8. a) The spread of knowledge
- 9. b) To make newspapers, books, and magazines
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