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Printing Yesterday and Today



The earliest idea of a book as we think of it was written about 3,000 years ago. Long scrolls were broken down into several short rolls about 35 feet (10 meters) long. These rolls were kept together in a container.

Scrolls were wrapped and marked with a title and the author's name. The scribes would reproduce scrolls by copying it or having someone dictate it to them as they wrote.

Athens and Rome were the centers of book production. Books were sent all over the ancient world from the two cities.

Scribing was slow, difficult work, and it was expensive. The earliest books were owned only by rulers, temples or very rich people.



At that time and for many centuries, books were used for reading stories aloud. Learning was done by listening to lessons and memorizing them if necessary.

Fill in the missing words. Write them on the line. Read the paragraphs above for the answers. Thank you.

1. Athens and _____ were centers of book production.
2. Shorter scrolls were kept together in a _____.
3. Only rulers, _____ or very rich people owned books.
4. _____ was slow, difficult work.
5. Scrolls were wrapped and marked with a title and the _____ name.
6. The earliest idea of a book as we think of it was written about _____ years ago.

Printing Yesterday and Today

Centuries later there have been great and many changes in the world of printing. As technology evolved so did the printing press. Changes in technology over the centuries have made printing much easier and faster. Below is a brief history of printing.



In the earliest times people first use symbols and pictographs to communicate with one another. Many symbols were found in caves, on rocks and on various other materials. In the year 105 China was credited with inventing paper. In 1450 Johann Gutenberg perfected the printing press. Books and printed material became available to many people. The printing press was greatly improved over the years by inventors and technology.

In the early 1800's printing presses were made out of iron and eventually a few years later a automated press was developed. Today books, newspapers and pictures are printed with digital presses. The presses are computerized.

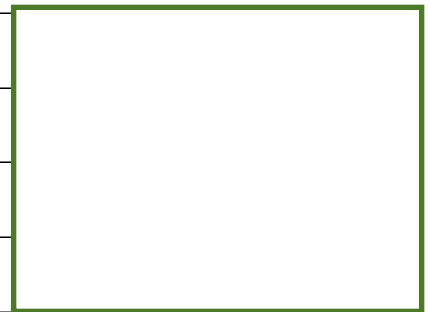
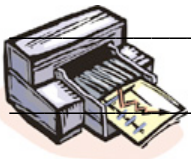
Today, copies can be made and printed from computers in your own homes. There are many types of printers and copiers available. Some of the other machines that print are fax, copiers, laser jets, digital photo printers and many more.



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Choose a topic about printing, look it up and do a drawing of it below. Write a little bit about what you've drawn.



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CRISS CROSS

Can you fit these words into the criss cross?
Use a pencil so you can erase if you need to.

**alphabet
symbols**

**paper
language**

**stylus
plates**

**signs
tablet**

