

Your Name Mr. Fitz

Your Person Johannes Gutenberg (invented the printing press)

Renaissance Research Sheet

- Born in 1395 in Germany.
- Apprenticed as a Goldsmith.
- Family was exiled to France during a revolt.
↳ where he began experimenting w/ printing
- Moved home in 1448, operating print shop by 1450
↳ borrowed a lot of \$ and went into major debt.
- 1455 printed the Gutenberg bible.
- Fust (the guy he owed \$ to) and ~~the~~ Schoffer (Fust's son in law) took over his printing business since Gutenberg owed them \$.

Books were either hand written or made using wood cutouts. This resulted in fewer books, which means less information/ideas out there for people to take in. His printing press allowed for the sharing of knowledge. It also made it more affordable. Without the printing press we wouldn't have had the Scientific Revolution or the Renaissance.

The printing Press used movable metal pieces to quickly create pages. Bibles typically took about a year to write, but Gutenberg could make 200 in a relatively short time.

His original bible sold for 30 florins, which is anywhere from 20-30 thousand dollars today, but this was cheaper than a hand written version. ~~the~~ 21 originals exist today, and one can be worth \$30 million.

The Printing Press led to a rise in literacy, because people had more access to books.

Time Magazine named Gutenberg's Printing Press the most important invention of the last 1000 years.