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# HELLO CHILDREN!

## Where was the first true Printing Press built?

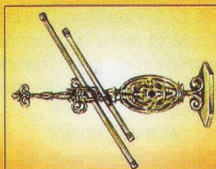
Throughout history, books have been rare and precious things, kept in libraries of monasteries or wealthy houses. Each one had to be copied out by hand with pen and ink, so very few people had the chance to learn to read. The Chinese developed a simple system of printing in the 11th century, but it was only in about 1450 that a German named Johannes Gutenberg built the first true printing press. Using movable metal type, Gutenberg was able to make exact copies of books very cheaply. The first books he printed were the Bible and other religious works.



Soon other printers started, and by 1500 they were producing many different sorts of literature, including poems and stories. For the first time, books were available to everyone.

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Another early invention was Galileo's telescope, which was more powerful than any that had been used before.



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