

Johann Gutenberg  
1400-1468

German inventor,  
inventor of mechanical  
printing, the printing  
press

press itself actually  
based on other human  
operated machines  
that crushed olives  
for oil + grapes for  
wine

- movable-type...
- individual characters on raised metal
- pages produced one at a time
- mass production of books made them cheaper; therefore available to the lower classes
- 1st book he produced was the Bible

# importance

- increases individuals ability to be educated
- knowledge of history increased
- ideas of Gutenbergs time spread more quickly (Renaissance, Protestant Reformation, Scientific Revolution)

-ironically, his 1st  
printed book, (Bible)  
was attacked by  
people of those time  
periods

-forces dictatorships  
to combat education  
of the masses

-burned books

-printed own  
propaganda

-makes democracy

inevitable

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only 43 known  
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