

ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS INVENTIONS

Chronological Reference Chart

3500 BCE **THE WHEEL**

Mesopotamia (Sumerians). Originally used for pottery, later adapted for transportation and chariots.

3200 BCE **CUNEIFORM WRITING**

Mesopotamia. One of the earliest systems of writing, using wedge-shaped marks on clay tablets.

3000 BCE **PAPYRUS**

Ancient Egypt. A material similar to thick paper used for writing and record-keeping.

2500 BCE **PLANNED CITIES**

Indus Valley Civilization. Grid layouts, advanced drainage systems, and standardized brick sizes.

105 CE **PAPER MAKING**

Ancient China (Han Dynasty). Attributed to Cai Lun, using mulberry fibers and old rags.

125 CE **THE CONCRETE DOME**

Ancient Rome. Demonstrated in the Pantheon; revolutionized architecture and large-scale engineering.