

COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY HISTORY

A Chronological Evolution of Human Connectivity

3500BCE

Sumerian Cuneiform

The earliest known system of writing, developed by the Sumerians in Mesopotamia.

1440

Gutenberg Press

Introduction of movable type printing, sparking the Information Revolution.

1837

The Telegraph

Samuel Morse patents the electrical telegraph, enabling instant long-distance messaging.

1876

The Telephone

Alexander Graham Bell makes the first successful bi-directional voice transmission.

1920

Commercial Radio

KDKA in Pittsburgh begins the first scheduled radio broadcasts for the public.

1969

ARPANET

The precursor to the modern internet; the first packet-switching network is established.

1991

World Wide Web

Tim Berners-Lee releases the first web browser and public servers.

2007

Smartphone Era

Introduction of the iPhone, mainstreaming mobile internet and constant connectivity.