

# HISTORY OF HUMAN INVENTIONS

## PREHISTORIC & ANCIENT

- c. 2.5M BCE** Stone Tools Early percussion tools for cutting and scraping.
- c. 400k BCE** Control of Fire Essential for cooking, warmth, and protection.
- c. 3500 BCE** The Wheel Revolutionized transportation and pottery.
- c. 3200 BCE** Writing (Cuneiform) Beginning of recorded human history.

## MIDDLE AGES TO RENAISSANCE

- 1040** Movable Type First developed in China using ceramic.
- 1439** Printing Press Gutenberg's mechanical press enables mass literacy.
- 1590** Microscope Janssen creates the first compound microscope.

## INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

- 1712** Steam Engine Thomas Newcomen's practical atmospheric engine.
- 1876** Telephone Alexander Graham Bell transmits vocal sounds.
- 1879** Incandescent Light Bulb Thomas Edison patents a long-lasting filament.

## THE MODERN AGE

- 1903** Powered Airplane Wright brothers achieve controlled flight.
- 1947** Transistor The foundation of modern electronic devices.
- 1989** World Wide Web Tim Berners-Lee creates the global hypertext system.