

MAJOR INVENTIONS THROUGH HISTORY

A Chronological Evolution of Human Ingenuity

c. 3500 BCE

The Wheel

Mesopotamia. Revolutionized transportation and pottery making.

c. 105 CE

Paper

Ts'ai Lun, China. Allowed for the mass recording of knowledge.

1440

Printing Press

Johannes Gutenberg. Enabled the spread of literacy and the Reformation.

1769

Steam Engine

James Watt. The catalyst for the First Industrial Revolution.

1879

Light Bulb

Thomas Edison. Transformed the global economy and social patterns.

1903

The Airplane

Wright Brothers. Achieved the first controlled, powered flight.

1989

World Wide Web

Tim Berners-Lee. Connected the global population via the Internet.