

# WORLD CHANGING INVENTIONS

A Chronological Evolution of Human Ingenuity

**c. 3500 BC**

## **The Wheel**

Revolutionized transportation and early machinery in Mesopotamia.

**1440**

## **The Printing Press**

Johannes Gutenberg enabled the mass spread of knowledge and literacy.

**1769**

## **The Steam Engine**

James Watt's improvement sparked the Industrial Revolution.

**1879**

## **The Light Bulb**

Thomas Edison developed a practical incandescent light for home use.

**1903**

## **Powered Flight**

The Wright Brothers achieved the first controlled, sustained flight.

**1928**

## **Penicillin**

Alexander Fleming discovered the first true antibiotic, saving millions of lives.

**1989**

## **World Wide Web**

Tim Berners-Lee created the system that democratized global information.