

Inventions Review

Week 15 • Friday • Show What You Know!

Remember When...

What a week of bright ideas! You learned that an invention is something new that solves a problem. Medieval people invented windmills to grind grain, clocks to tell time, eyeglasses to help people see, and the heavy plow to grow more food.

You met Johannes Gutenberg, who built the printing press around 1450. His metal type and ink made books fast and cheap — and helped the whole world learn to read.

You even became an inventor yourself, with your own printing stamp and a brand-new invention plan. This is also our last week in the Middle Ages — next week we set sail into the Age of Exploration! But first, show what you know.

Big Review Questions

1. What is an invention?

2. Name three medieval inventions.

3. Who invented the printing press and why was it so important?

Fill in the Blanks

invention windmill Gutenberg type eyeglasses plow

1. An _____ is something new that solves a problem.

2. A _____ used wind power to grind grain.

3. _____ built the printing press around 1450.

4. The press used metal letters called _____.

5. _____ helped people see better.

6. The heavy _____ helped farmers grow more food.

True or False

Write T for true or F for false in each circle.

- ☐ Inventors give up after one failure.
- ☐ The printing press made books faster and cheaper.
- ☐ Windmills ground grain into flour.
- ☐ Before the press, monks copied books by hand.
- ☐ Wind turbines today use the windmill's old idea.
- ☐ Mechanical clocks rang bells so towns knew the time.

Invention Match-Up

Match each invention to what it does. Write the letter: A (makes books), B (grinds grain), C (helps you see), D (tells time).

Invention	What it does (A-D)
Printing press	
Windmill	
Eyeglasses	
Mechanical clock	

Hall of Inventions

Draw your two favorite inventions from this week — one medieval invention and your OWN invention.

Week Summary

This week you learned:

- Inventions solve problems — and inventors keep trying after failure
- Medieval inventions: windmill, clock, eyeglasses, heavy plow
- Gutenberg's printing press filled the world with books
- Many medieval inventions are still in your home today

Next week: The Age of Exploration! Brave sailors, tall ships, and voyages across unknown oceans.

Final Review

I can...	Circle one
Explain what an invention is	YES / NOT YET
Name medieval inventions and what they did	YES / NOT YET
Tell why the printing press mattered	YES / NOT YET