

The Revolution, Reaction, and Reform of the Printing Press

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The Printing Press ties to The National History Day theme this year, because of the way it reshaped and changed the world. The press was invented to reform older presses that were inaccurate and slow (History.com Editors). It revolutionized the total amount of literature in Europe (History.com Editors). European countries reacted to the invention by trading for it (History.com Editors). The press impacted Europe's Literature (History.com Editors). The press influenced writers and readers around the world (History.com Editors). The press has had an importance that has changed the world numerous times since it was created (History.com Editors). The world has been revolutionized, it has reacted, and it reformed from the printing press.

I chose the printing press because I wanted to learn what life was like before newspapers, television, and phones. I wondered how people communicated with each other. Then I learned what an impact the press had on communication. I have researched and learned about the ways that the press changed the world. It has answered many questions of mine, and given me more questions. It has changed the way that I think about the world, it has changed the way that I think of communication. I have learned that the press was a huge factor in creating newspapers (History.com Editors). I have learned what I wanted to learn, and more. The printing press shows how one small thing can change and inspire the world forever (History.com Editors).

I researched the printing press by finding good sources, and reading them. The first source that I found was one on History.com which I read and found what I needed to research in order to match the National History Day theme. I conducted my research around the theme looking for sources that could fill gaps of information that I did not have. One source that I found interesting was Gutenberg Digital (Named after the creator of the printing press). It was a website with documents from Gutenberg's life. I used the Helmasperger Ulrich, the document

that was written in account of the trial in which Gutenberg lost the rights of the printing press to Johann Fust. The National History Day theme forced me to write as an answer to a prompt which taught me things that I would not have learned without one.

I created my website by trying to get information in it, while trying to make it look decent. My first difficulty was trying to choose what color I wanted my website to be. The printing press is old so I thought of a color that reminded me of old. I chose maroon, because I felt as though all old books are maroon. I choose my images very lazily, I just googled “Printing Press Picture”. It was interesting to see how the printing press was used. Other images showed precise designs which made it seem as though the press was designed as a nice piece of furniture, not a machine used to print. My website was a fun project that I enjoyed.