

# THE HISTORY OF PRINTING

## Secondary School Worksheet – Senior Cycle

### QUESTION TIME!

1. Name the man most associated with the invention of moveable metal type and the printing press.

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2. What was a composing stick?

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3. Which is the most commonly used letter in the English language?

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4. Why are capital letters also referred to as 'upper case'?

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5. Which is the most commonly used font in the English language?

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6. Name 3 different fonts that can be found in the collection of the Museum.

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7. What famous Irish book written by James Joyce was first set on a Linotype machine in France?

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8. What kind of publication was composed on (a) a Linotype and (b) a Monotype?

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9. How many years did an apprenticeship in a printing house last?

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10. Name 3 things, according to the compositor's indenture on the wall, that an apprentice was forbidden from doing during their apprenticeship.

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11. What famous historical document, associated with the founding of the Irish Republic, was printed on a Wharfedale Stop Cylinder Press in 1916?

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12. What was the unique unit of measurement used by printers?

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13. What was the Shaw Pen Ruling Machine used to produce?

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14. What was the Ludlow typesetter used for?

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15. What was a slug?

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16. Why was the metal antimony used in hot metal typesetting machines?

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17. The picture below shows women working in the finishing area in Kelly's Directories, London c. 1895. How many women can you see in the picture?

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