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Printing Press DBQ

Directions: Complete the following worksheet about the invention of the printing press and the impact it had on Europe. For each section, analyze the appropriate documents in order to answer the question: **What Was the Most Important Consequence (impact) of the Printing Press on Europe?**

Section 1: Sorting Documents and Main Ideas

1. Which documents belong in the following categories?

- Transition from script to print culture: _____
- Religion: _____
- Geography and Exploration: _____
- Literature And Humanist Ideas: _____
- Early modern Science and Medicine: _____

Section 2: Document Analysis

Answer the corresponding questions for each document. (Complete sentences please! 😊)

Document 1: Two woodblock images

- How is the method of producing books different based on the two images?
- Would you have rather worked as a scribe or printer?
- Why is the date of ad of the Badius firm 1494, 50 years after the invention of printing press?

Document 2: Map "Spread of printing"

- Where were the first printing presses? How did the availability of printing presses change between 1471 and 1500?
- What other industries were impacted by invention of printing press?
- How could a sudden influx of millions of books affect people's social life, politics, view of geography?

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Document 3: Protestant Reformation

- How did the printing press impact the dissemination of Martin Luther's 95 Theses?
- Can you think of a modern revolution or rebellion that started small but led to enormous changes?

Document 4: Different views on Reformation

- How was the printing press used by both the Church and Martin Luther?
- Which is a more powerful attack against the Pope, Luther's words or the woodcut image entitled "Christ v. anti-Christ".
- Bloody wars & violent conflicts arose between 1562-1598 in Europe. Could the words of religious leaders have been partially responsible for the conflicts?

Document 5: Map, Spread of Protestantism

- How does the map of Religions in Europe in 1500 differ from the map of religions in Europe in 1560? What might have caused such a change in religious perspectives in a 60 year period?
- Has religious conflict in the world become more or less intense since the 16th c.?
- Can you think of anyplace in the U.S. or world today where conflicts between Christians and non-Christians, or Catholics and Protestants, affect where people live?

Document 6: Columbus' Letter

- How did the printing press impact Columbus's letter?

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- Is there any modern event that parallels Columbus' voyage? What are the similarities and differences?
- The combination of printing & exploration had an impact on many fields of study. Can you think of some?

Document 7: Printing & Map Making

- How did the printing press impact mapmaking and, therefore, exploration?
- What were some of the social, economic and political consequences of these more accurate maps?
- In Ortelius' 1570 World Map what areas or regions of the world remain inaccurate? Which have become more accurate?

Document 8: Classical & Medieval Books

- How did the printing press impact the spread of classical and medieval texts?
- Why do you think early printers focused on known books that had been around for ages?
- How many of these books are familiar to you? How many have you heard of? How many have you personally read? What conclusions could you draw from those results?

Document 9: Early Modern Books

- How did the printing press impact the spread of contemporary works? How did that impact the spread of modern & current ideas?

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- Compare and contrast this list with that of Doc. 8. Explain as many similarities and differences as you can find.
- How many of these books are familiar to you? How many have you heard of? How many have you personally read? What conclusions could you draw from those results?

Document 10: Newton’s Bookshelf

- How did the spread of modern ideas, caused by the printing press, impact scientific thinking and medicine?
- Explain Newton’s quote: “If I have seen further than other men, it is because I have stood on the shoulders of giants.”
- Was the spread of scientific ideas a more important consequence of the printing press than the spread of religious ideas?

Section 3: Creating an Argument

What Was the Most Important Consequence (Impact) of the Printing Press on Europe?

1. What impacts did the printing press have on Europe? (List 4 major impacts that the primary source documents discussed.)

2. Which of those 4 major impacts was the most important impact of the printing press on Europe?

Why? _____

3. Write a claim statement that answers the prompt clearly and includes reasoning.

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4. Which two (2) documents best support your claim? (List the document number and what the document is.)

5. What is the first document you chose? _____

- Explain the impact of the printing press that document _____ shows in your own words.

- How does document _____ support your argument?

- _____

6. What is the second document you chose? _____

- Explain the impact of the printing press that document _____ shows in your own words.

- How does document _____ support your argument?

- _____

7. Restate your main argument points.

- What were your main evidence points that supported your argument?

8. Rewrite your claim statement in a new way as your conclusion. (Try writing it backwards, i.e. stating your reasoning first and then restating your argument.)

NOW THAT YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE DOCUMENT ANALYSIS & OUTLINE SECTION, WRITE A FULL ESSAY (1,000-1,500 WORDS) ANSWERING THE QUESTION! YOU MUST TYPE YOUR RESPONSE (12 POINT FONT, DOUBLE SPACED) AND SUBMIT THE ESSAY TO TURNITIN.COM BY 11:59 PM DECEMBER 20, 2019.