

Was it significant?

Judge Gutenberg's printing press with the 5 Rs.



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LEARNING GOAL

Judge how significant an event was, using criteria and evidence.

The 5 Rs: credited to Christine Counsell (2004).

SUCCESS CRITERIA

- ☐ I can explain each of the 5 Rs.
- ☐ I can rate an event and back it with evidence.
- ☐ I can write a judgement that compares two events.

1 Rate the object with the 5 Rs

Gallery 1

10 marks

Read each R. Circle a rating: 1 means it hardly fits, 5 means it fits strongly. Add evidence on the lines.

Johannes Gutenberg

The printing press with movable type

Mainz · Around 1440 to 1450

- **Movable type:** reusable single letters.
- The Gutenberg Bible was printed around 1455.
- Books became faster and cheaper to make.
- Ideas spread more widely.
- More people could own books.

CLASS CATALOGUE

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R1 REMARKABLE

1 2 3 4 5

Remarked on by people at the time and since.

Would people then, and historians since, talk about it? Why?

R2 REMEMBERED

1 2 3 4 5

Important in collective memory.

Is the press still remembered? Where might you meet it?

R4 RESULTING IN CHANGE

1 2 3 4 5

Had consequences for the future.

What changed when books got faster and cheaper to make?

STRONGEST R

STRONGEST, BECAUSE

R3 RESONANT

1 2 3 4 5

People make links to it today.

What links can you make to how we share ideas now?

R5 REVEALING

1 2 3 4 5

It tells us about the past.

What does it reveal about people and ideas in the 1400s?

WEAKEST R

2 Compare with a second event

6 marks

CRITERION	PRESS	OBJECT 2
R1 Remarkable		
R2 Remembered		
R3 Resonant		
R4 Resulting in change		
R5 Revealing		
Total out of 25		

3 Your significance judgement

8 marks

Can an event be significant if few people remember it? Discuss with a partner.