

Books

in our life



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The main aim of writing books is to save and transmit knowledge to future generations.

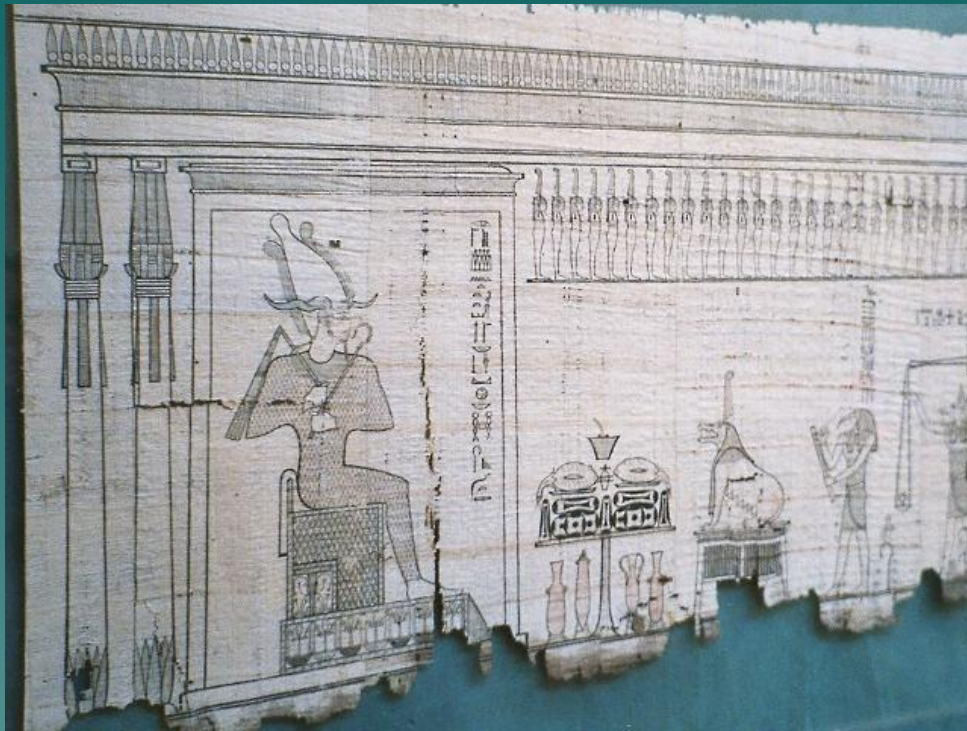


The History

When writing systems were invented in **ancient civilizations**, nearly everything that could be written upon — **stone, clay, tree bark, metal sheets**— was used for writing.



**Sumerian clay tablets
of 2400–2200 BC**



Egyptian papyrus showing the god Osiris and the weighing of the heart

Papyrus, a thick paper-like material made by **weaving the stems of the papyrus plant**, then pounding the woven sheet with a hammer-like tool, was used for writing in **Ancient Egypt**.

A **wax tablet** is a tablet made of **wood** and covered **with a layer of wax** often linked loosely to a cover tablet, as a "double-leaved" diptych. It was used as a reusable and portable writing surface in **Antiquity** and throughout the **Middle Ages**.



Romans wax tablets

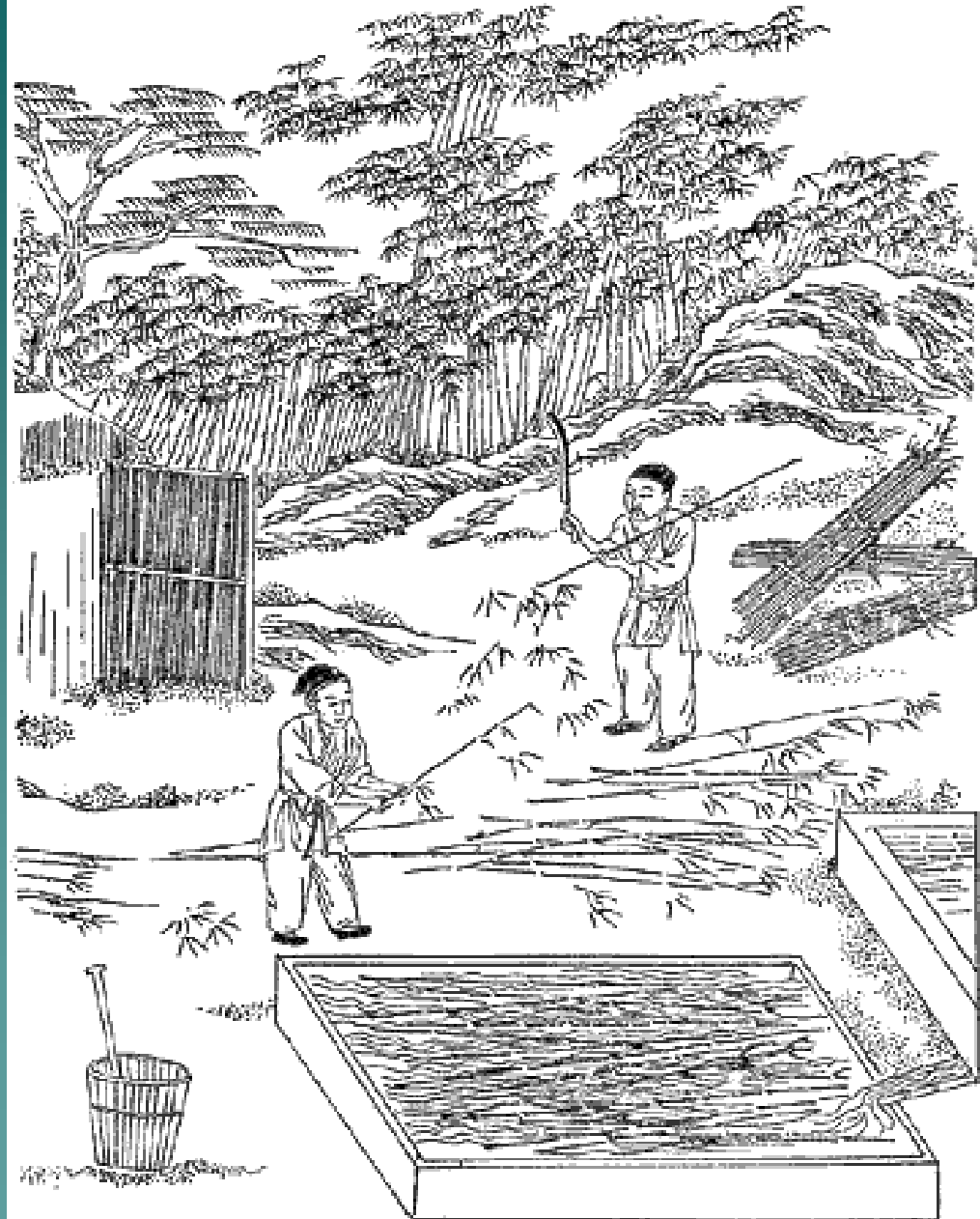


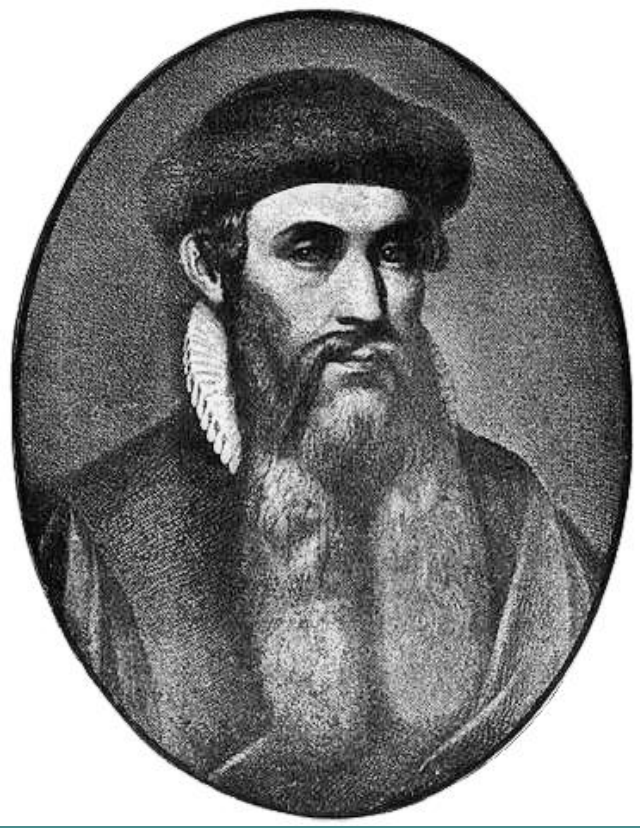
Woodblock printing used in **China** before development of paper. Woodblock printing in China is strongly associated with **Buddhism**, which encouraged the spread of charms and sutras

Chinese bamboo book

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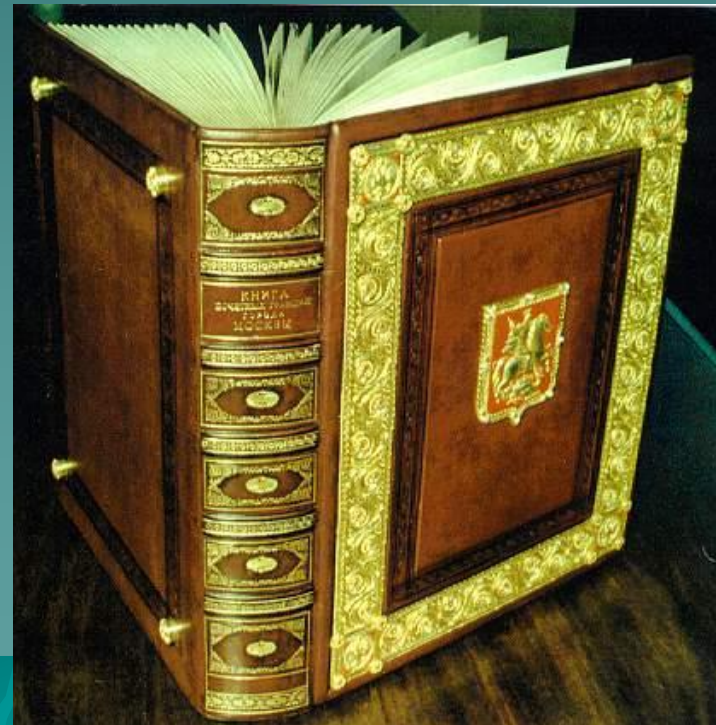
The Chinese independently developed a **papermaking process** during the Han Dynasty, **between 202 BC and 220 AD**, which is where modern paper originated.





The first printed book appeared thanks to **Johannes Gutenberg**. His invention of **mechanical movable type printing** started the Printing Revolution.

Nowadays the methods used for the printing and binding of books fundamentally changed. The majority of books are printed by **offset lithography**.



Genres

People can read such kind of literature as:

Fiction:

- 📖 novel
- 📖 detective
- 📖 epic poetry
- 📖 science fiction and etc.

Nonfiction:

- 📖 documentaries
- 📖 biographies
- 📖 travel books and etc.



Why do you think read or don't read?

I think people must read because reading expands the knowledge. Sometimes it helps us to decide some questions.

I think reading is very interesting. And when the weather is rainy you can sit on the sofa and read some book and you don't notice how time flies by.



How do you read?

But if you read book you have to read it very attentively and don't miss important things.



But some people read books very quickly, between lines. They don't think about what they are reading. I think it's not right.

Book, which is worth to read to my mind

I think the book which is worth to read, it's a classical literature, for example, William Shakespeare or Michael Bulgakov, or books about main historical events of our country. For example, books about the Great Patriotic War.



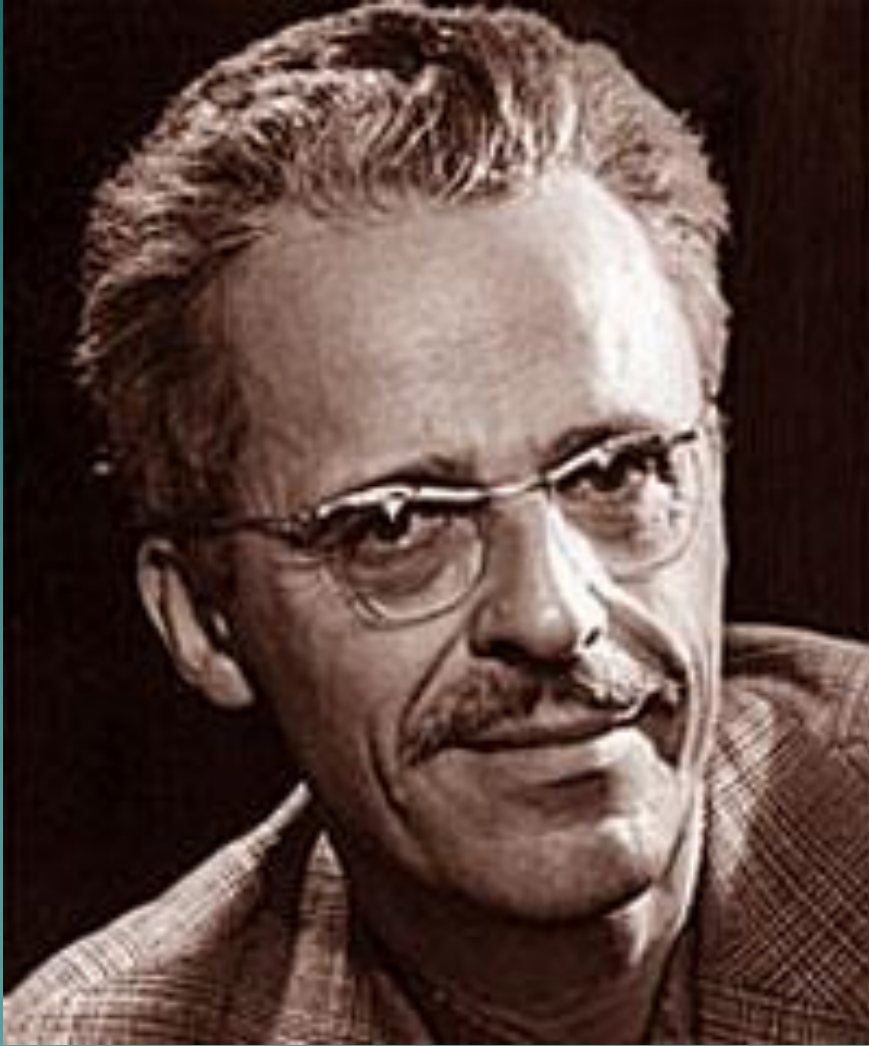
My favourite book

“The Dawns Here Are Quiet...” is poignant and tragic history of war that occurred away from the front. It is the story of five young women which went to the war and tried to stop the Germans, but they died protecting our country.

This story was written in 1969.



The author



Vasilyev Boris

Lvovich(born May 21, 1924) - Soviet and Russian writer.

Published since 1954.

He is the author of many stories, novels, plays, and journalism.

More than 15 films removed for books and scripts of Boris Vasilyev.

The film

“The Dawns Here Are Quiet..” was dramatized in **1972**. The director of the film is **Stanislav Rostotsky**. In 1973 the film was nominated for an Oscar in the “**Best Foreign Language Film**” category.



