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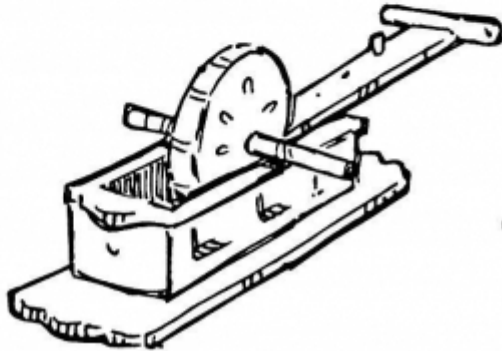
Chinese Inventions ※※※※※※※※※※※※※※※※※※※※

The emperors of ancient China encouraged the development of science and technology. China led other nations in these areas for centuries. Inventions made in ancient China were carried along the Silk Route to Europe and greatly influenced other countries as well.

Look at the Chinese inventions listed in the left-hand column below. Match the invention to the impact it had on both China and other countries.

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| 1. Paper and printing | A. _____ changed the way battles were fought |
| 2. Gunpowder | B. _____ revolutionized agriculture |
| 3. Boats with magnetic compasses, sternpost rudders, and watertight buoyancy chambers | C. _____ improved communication |
| 4. Harnesses for draft animals | D. _____ enabled voyages of discovery to be undertaken |
5. Of the four items above, which invention do you think had the most impact on China and on other countries? Explain your ideas.

6. Use reference books to list five other ancient Chinese inventions.



Did You Know?

Tea drinking became very popular during the Tang dynasty. The problem was that the tea leaves had to be chopped or shredded by hand which was a time-consuming process. Then, a Chinese inventor created the tea shredder. This device had a wheel in the center that sliced the tea leaves into thin strips. That made it a lot easier to enjoy a cup of tea.