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THE PRINTING PRESS DBQ

Directions: Analyze the documents and answer the questions.

Document A: Scribe and Print Shop

Based on the document, would you have rather worked as a scribe or printer? Explain why.

Document B: The Spread of the Printing Press (Map)

Why did the printing press spread rapidly throughout the Italian city-states?

Document C: Columbus' Letter

How did the printing press effect Columbus' voyages and the spread of his findings?

Document D: Printing and Map Making (3 Maps)

Describe the progression of map makers' understanding of the world.

Document E: Newton's Bookshelf

Isaac Newtown said, "If I have seen further than other men, it is because I have stood on the shoulders of giants." Explain this quote and hypothesize whether he could have made this statement without the invention of the printing press.