



The West versus the Rest?

A Time of Reinvention

Look at the List Below

Determine which of the items are “Western innovations”:

<input type="radio"/> The Printing Press	<input type="radio"/> Toilet Paper
<input type="radio"/> Paper Money	<input type="radio"/> University
<input type="radio"/> The Plough	<input type="radio"/> Matches
<input type="radio"/> Roads	<input type="radio"/> The Toothbrush
<input type="radio"/> Suspension Bridge	<input type="radio"/> Wallpaper
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<input type="radio"/> Paper	<input type="radio"/> Fishing Reel



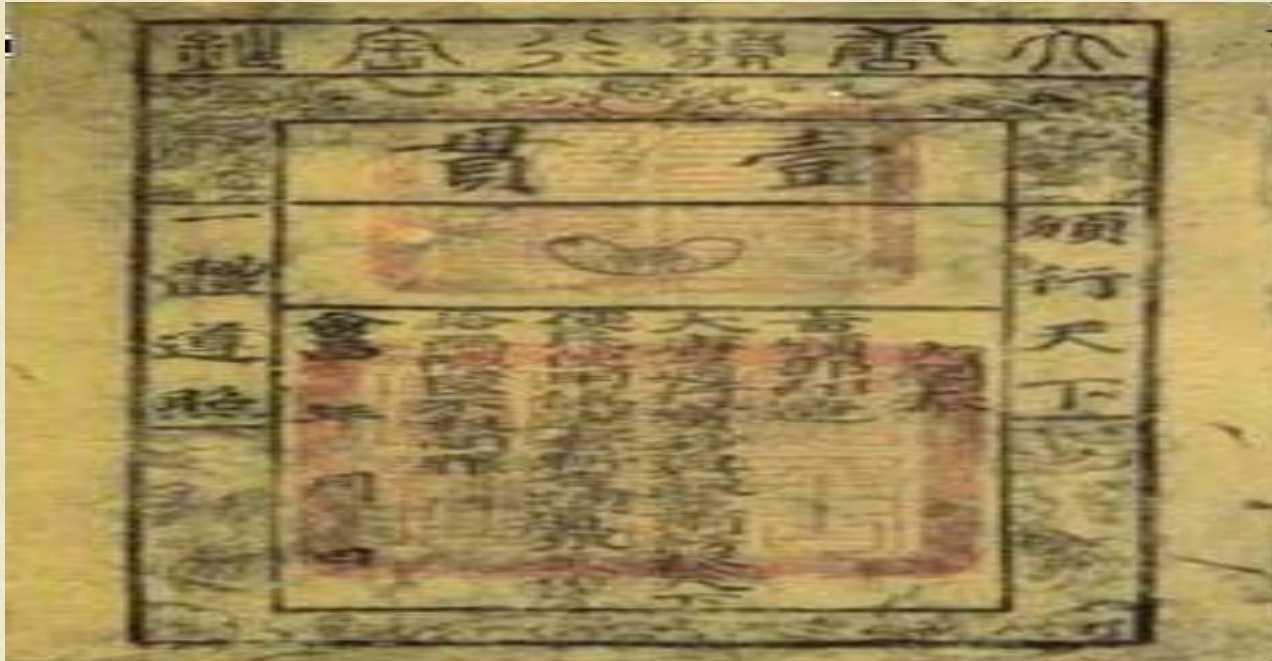
Above: The Forbidden City, Built in Beijing from 1406 to 1420

The Printing Press



The Printing Press, (arguably) invented by Johannes Gutenberg around 1436 in Mainz, Germany.

Paper Money



Paper Money was first invented in China in the seventh century.

The Plough



The Plough, invented in Mesopotamia around 3000 BCE

The Road



Roads, invented by Mayans around the eighth century BCE

The Suspension Bridge



The suspension bridge (not this one) was invented in Tibet in the fifteenth century.

The Compass



The Compass, invented in Han China (206 BCE-220 CE)

“Golf” or “Chuiwan”



Chuiwan, played during the Song dynasty (960–1279 AD)

Paper



The invention of paper in 105 AD

Toilet Paper



Toilet paper, invented in China in 589 AD

The University



The University of Al-Karaouine in Fez, Morocco, founded in 859 AD

Matches



Matches, invented in China in 577 AD

The Toothbrush



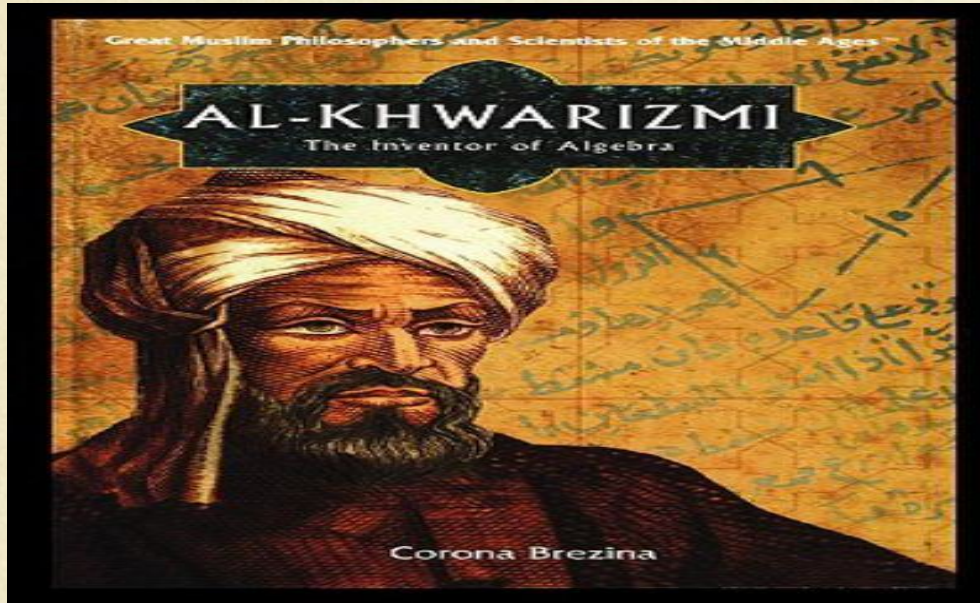
The first bristle **toothbrush** was **invented** in China during the Tang Dynasty (619-907) and used hog bristle

Wallpaper



Wallpaper was invented in China around 200 BC

Algebra



Algebra was invented by the Muslim mathematician Al-Khwarizmi in the book he wrote in 820. Algebra is the Arabic word (aljabr) for "equation", and the word "algorithm" comes from the author's name, Al-Khwarizmi. He is rightly known as "the father of Algebra".

Land Mines



Land mines were invented in China in the third century

Fishing Reel



The oldest description of a fishing reel is from China and dates to the 3rd century AD

So...

○Based on the MAJOR discrepancies of innovations between “The West” and “The Rest”, how, exactly, did “The West” manage to become the dominant power in the world after 1500?

“The Six Killer Apps”

○ According to historian and author Niall Ferguson, the answer lies in “The Six Killer Apps”, which are:

- Competition
- Science
- Property Rights
- Medicine
- The Consumer Society
- The Work Ethic

