II. Northern Renaissance

1. Printing Press

* **Johann Gutenberg –**
* Used movable metal plates to stamp ink onto paper
* Made the production of books quicker and cheaper
* 1 person could produce 500 books in the same time it had taken to produce one

**For the first time**

* Books were cheap enough that most people could afford to buy them
* Allowed common people to become educated

**First Book Printed**

* **Gutenberg Bible –**

1. Major results of the printing Press

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1. Writers Reform Society

* **Sir Thomas More –**
* ***Utopia* –**
* No greed, corruption, or war

**William Shakespeare**

* Greatest playwright of all time
* Responsible for adding 3,000 new words to the English language
* His many plays were preformed in the famous Globe Theater

**Shakespeare’s Plays**

* Most of his plays examine popular history and human flaws – Timeless topics

* *Much Ado About Nothing, Macbeth, Hamlet, Othello, Romeo and Juliet, King Lear, A Midsummer Night’s Dream, and Taming of the Shrew*