

WORLD 10-4

CHINESE INVENTIONS

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Questions/Interactions	Notes
	<p>Compass</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lodestone spoons would always point south.• Without landmarks or stars there is no other way to know direction.• It made the Chinese better travelers and explorers than any other people on Earth. <p>Paper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was made by mixing bamboo and water.• At first it was used for clothing and blankets.• But soon became used for writing and money.• For 500 years the Chinese guarded the secret.• What would a world without paper be like? <p>Woodblock Printing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wood was carved leaving a raised image or words• It was covered with ink and paper was smoothed over it.• When lifted a reverse image would be left on it.• 300 years later (11th century) they invented movable type (400 years before Guttenberg). <p>Gunpowder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invented in an attempt to make a potion for eternal life.• Saltpeter, charcoal, sulfur• Over 100 years after its invention, they started using it for weapons.• While Europeans were using crossbows, the Chinese had flamethrowers, grenades, and two-stage rockets. <p>Tea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Originally used as medicine• By the 9th century it became the national drink.