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The Gutenberg Press: Revolutionizing the Written Word

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers may vary but could include that books would be rare and expensive, limiting access to knowledge for most people, and slowing down the spread of new ideas and advancements.
2. The rise in literacy rates due to the Gutenberg Press allowed more people to access education and knowledge, promoting intellectual growth, cultural development, and the democratization of learning.
3. The printing press played a crucial role in the scientific revolution by enabling the widespread distribution of scientific knowledge and fostering collaboration among scholars.
4. Answers may vary but could include discussions of how both the printing press and the internet revolutionized communication and information dissemination, with the internet having a more immediate and global impact in the modern era.

