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The Magical Impact of Paper and Printing in Ancient China

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. (Answer should discuss the cultural and societal changes brought about by the invention of paper, including its impact on education, communication, and the preservation of knowledge.)
2. (Answer should explore the process of woodblock printing, its role in making literature and religious texts more accessible, and provide examples from ancient China.)
3. (Answer should evaluate the significance of the Diamond Sutra as the world's oldest printed book, considering its historical and cultural importance.)
4. (Answer can be imaginative, discussing how the world might be different today without the inventions of paper and printing, considering the impact on knowledge dissemination, communication, and culture.)

