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## Marvelous Machines: Technological Advancements of the Middle Ages

### Short Answer Key

1. Waterwheels and windmills powered various industrial processes, such as grain milling and woodcutting, significantly increasing production efficiency.
2. The invention of the printing press allowed for the mass production of books, making knowledge more accessible, promoting literacy, and preserving classical texts.
3. Gothic architecture featured elements like flying buttresses and ribbed vaults, which allowed for larger and more ornate structures. These innovations influenced later architectural styles and are still admired today.
4. Herbs were used for medicinal purposes, surgical instruments improved medical procedures, and the establishment of hospitals provided organized care for the sick and injured.

