

Activity 2

Scenarios

Scenario One: 800 AD

Your name is Peter. You are a 9th century monk. Based on your successful completion of an apprenticeship program under a master scribe, the authorities have requested your services to produce Bibles. You must pay great attention to detail because many of the letters are created with magnificent color and ornate shapes. Your necessary equipment and supplies include parchment paper, feather pens, and ink. It is difficult for you to focus on the details of your creation as you do not own spectacles (eyeglasses). You work in the monastery library for 10 hours per day, from dusk until dawn, under candlelight. This job requires you to work 300 days per year, and it takes seven years for you to complete one Bible.

Scenario Two: 1790s

Your name is Johanne. After completing an extensive apprenticeship program to acquire the necessary skills to run a printing press, you now produce Bibles in your small print shop. Letters are made of lead and a special powder is used to dry the paper after it runs through the press. Your craft involves typesetting methods, which is time consuming; therefore, you work ten hours per day, which enables you to produce 300 Bibles in 150 days.

Scenario Three: 1920s

Your name is Frank. You own a large printing house. You have specific training in printing operations. Your printing house specializes in mass production. You have engineers on staff to correct problems that occur with the assembly line. The type set is automated; therefore, you produce 100 Bibles in each ten-hour shift.

Scenario Four: 1995

Your name is Angie. You have a four-year Liberal Arts degree. You work for Gotham Press, which is a state-of-the-art printing company. You received three months of on-the-job training learning how to program the computer system and how to coordinate the production of workers. Books, including the Bible, are produced at a rate of 1000 books per worker per hour.

Scenario Five: 2003

Your name is Christoff. You live in Kiev but work for an American publisher. You are extremely qualified for this position after extensive training at the State University of Kiev. Your job involves networking robotic technology and troubleshooting glitches in the computer program. All the computers used to produce Bibles in each of the five plants can be accessed from your home in Kiev. You produce one million Bibles per hour with the help of robotic technology, which you coordinate from your home office.