

Nearly 3,000 years pass between the development of handwriting and the printing press. About 500 more years pass before the introduction of electronic and image-based media, which then produce many offspring within a century.

• Handwriting  
1500 B.C.

• Printing Press  
A.D. 1440

• Photograph  
A.D. 1839

• Telegraph  
A.D. 1844

• Telephone  
A.D. 1876

• Phonograph  
A.D. 1877

• Motion Picture  
A.D. 1885

• Radio  
A.D. 1896

• Television  
A.D. 1950

• Cellphone (Japan)  
A.D. 1978

• Sony Walkman  
A.D. 1979

• Internet  
A.D. 1990

• Text messaging  
A.D. 1993

• MP3 Player  
A.D. 1995

• IM  
A.D. 1996

1000 B.C.

A.D. 1

A.D. 1000

A.D. 2000