**Communicating Through History**

**Before Common Era**
- 50,000–30,000 BCE: Cave paintings
- 5000s BCE: Mounted messengers
- 3500 BCE: Cuneiform writing
- 1900–1700 BCE: Earliest trace of alphabetic writing
- 1000–500 BCE: Drums as a means of communication
- 310 BCE: Message in a bottle

**Common Era**
- 220 CE: First wooden printing press
- 600s–1200s CE: Talking drums
- 1400s CE: Inka runners

**Timeline**
- 2003 CE: Skype launches
- 2017 CE: TikTok launches
- 1790 CE: Flag semaphore
- 1814 CE: First photograph
- 1824 CE: Braille developed
- 1843 CE: First faxing device
- 1876 CE: First telephone
- 1894 CE: First radio
- 1984 CE: First cell phone
- 1990 CE: World Wide Web invented
- 1992 CE: First text message
- 1999 CE: First emojis

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