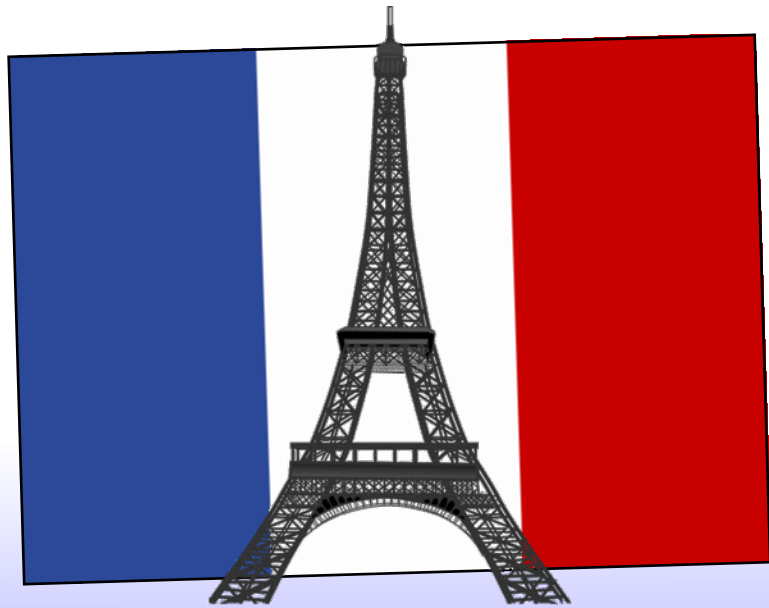
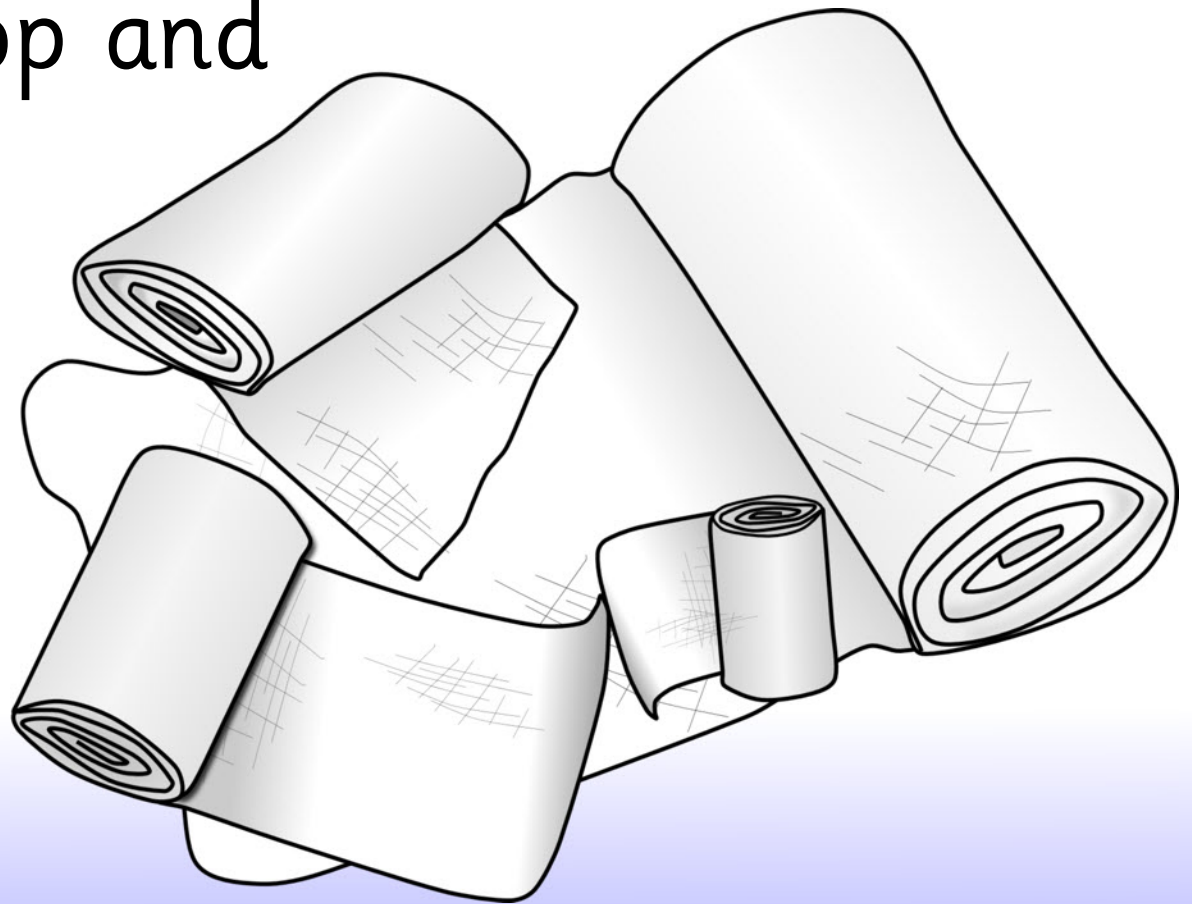


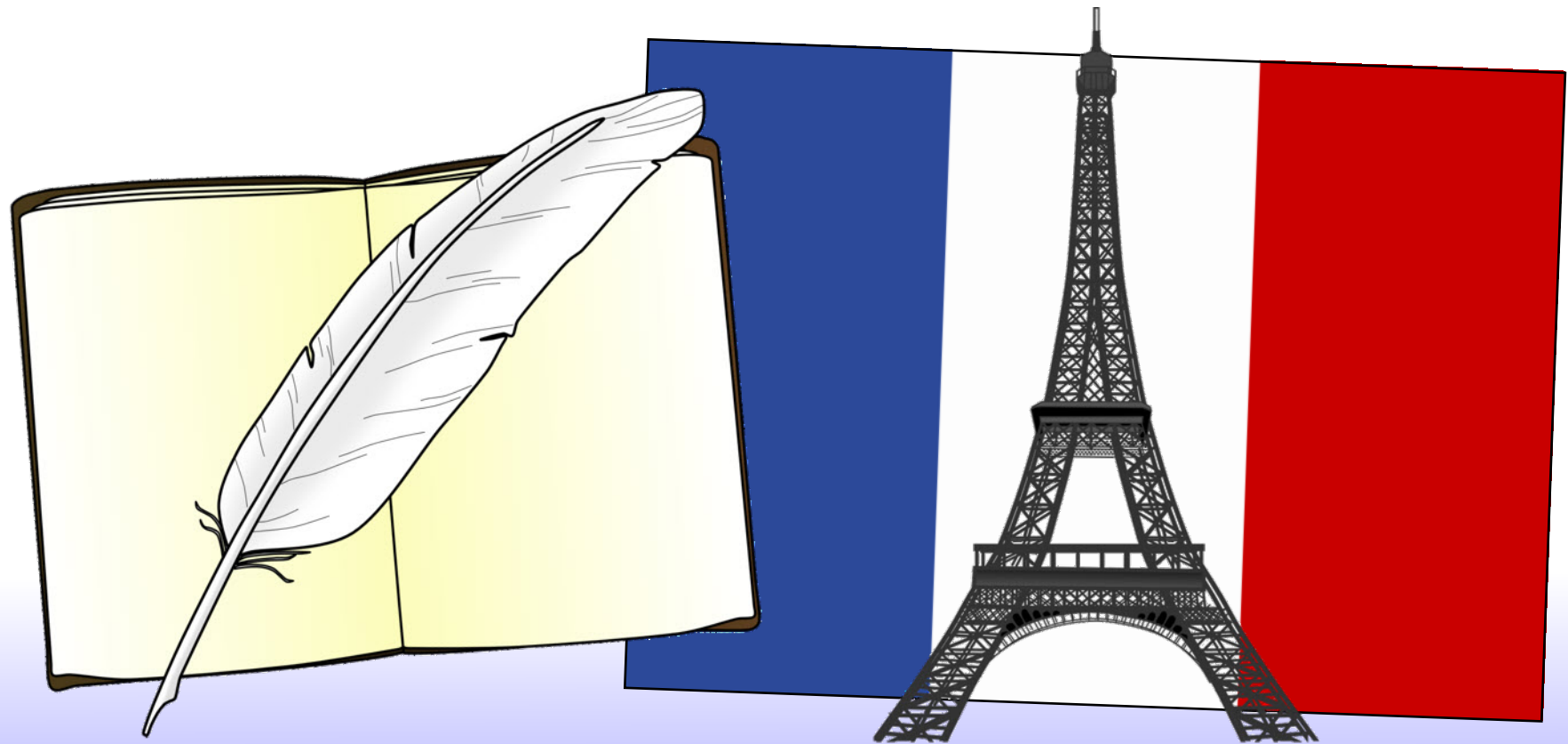
Louis Braille was born  
in Coupvray, near Paris,  
France on 4th January  
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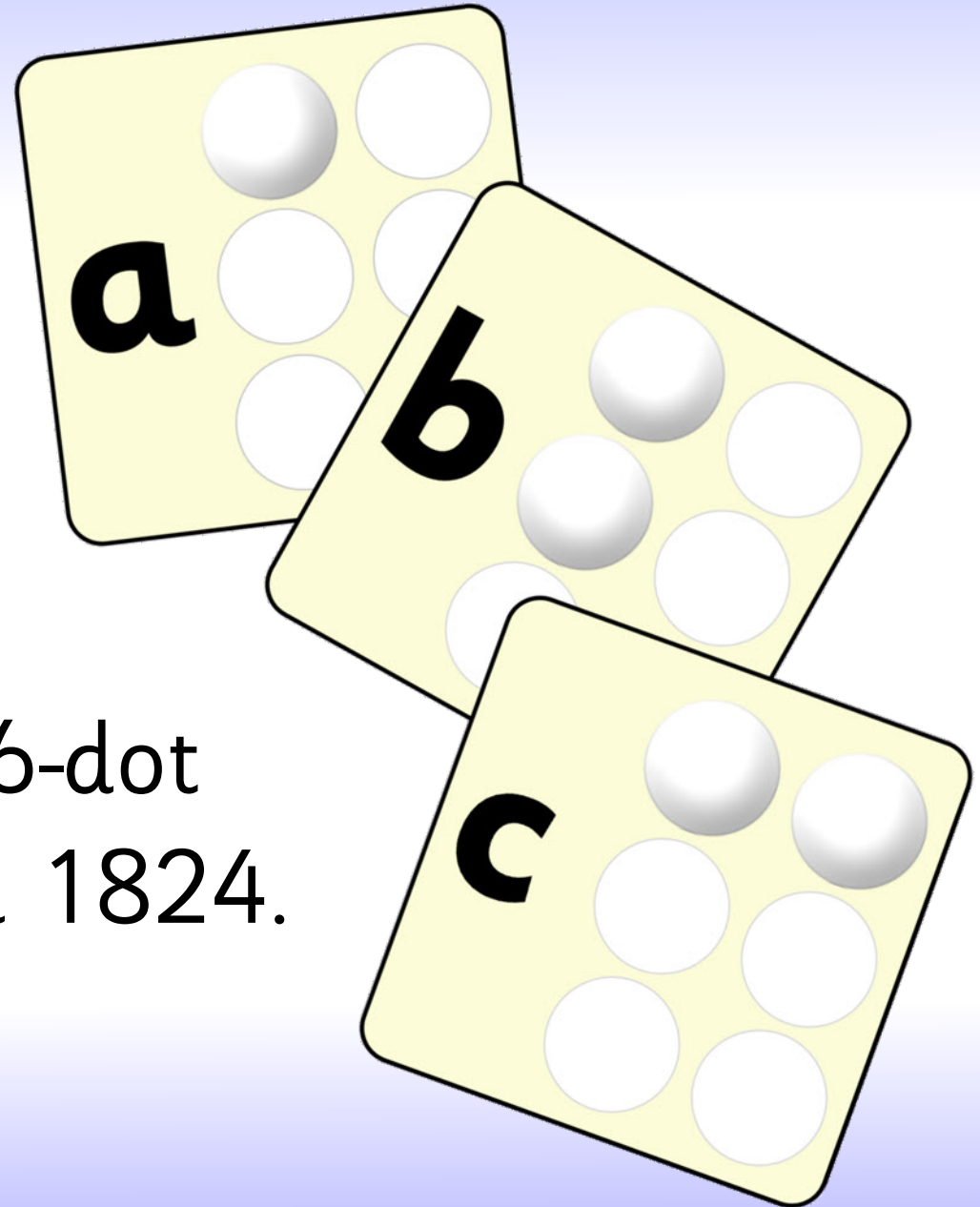
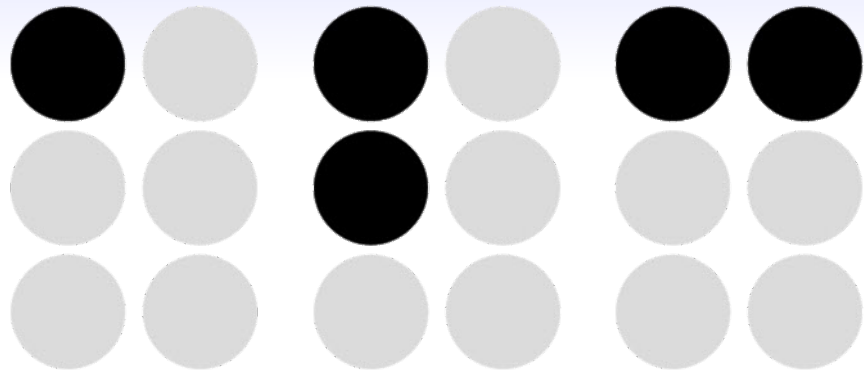


In 1812 Louis had an accident while playing in his fathers shop and was blinded.



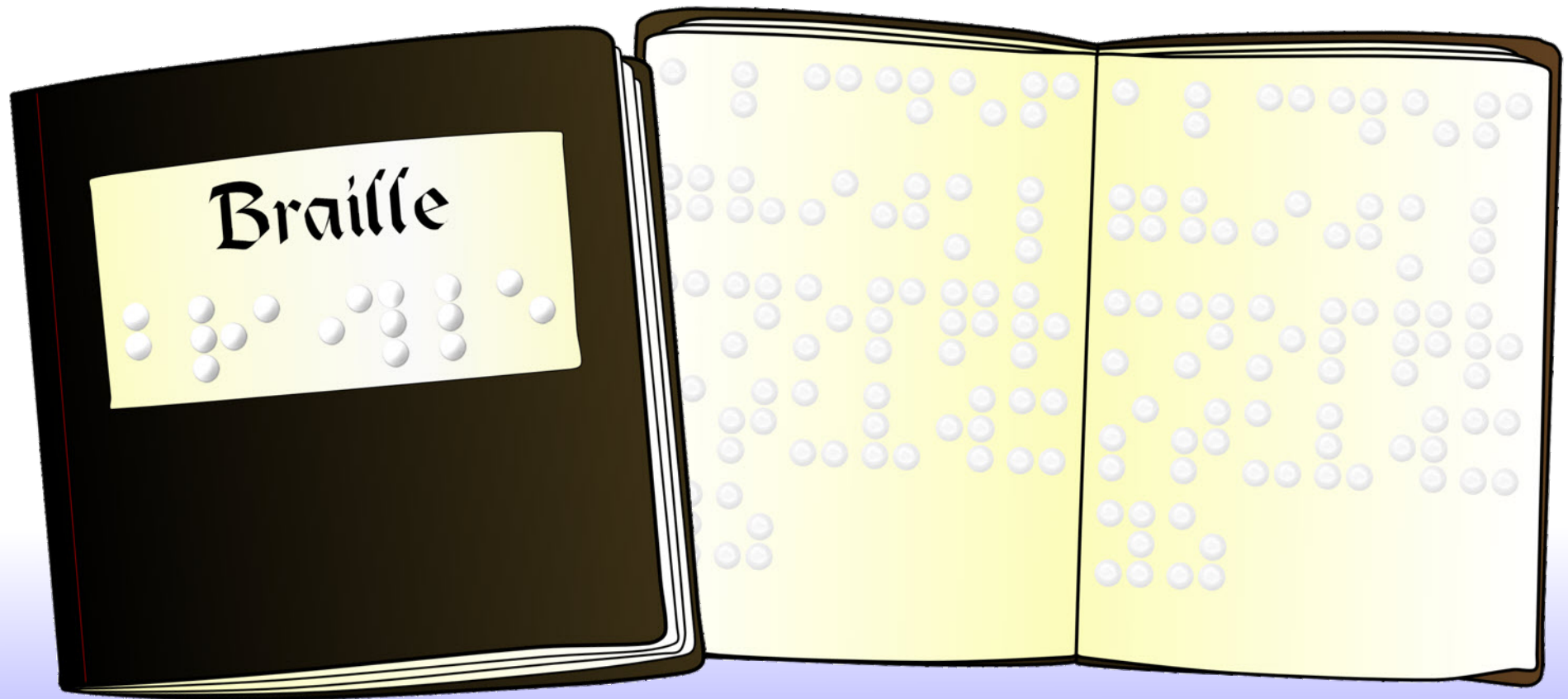
In 1819 he was sent to Paris  
to live and study at the  
National Institute for Blind Children.





Louis developed a 6-dot  
system of 'writing' in 1824.

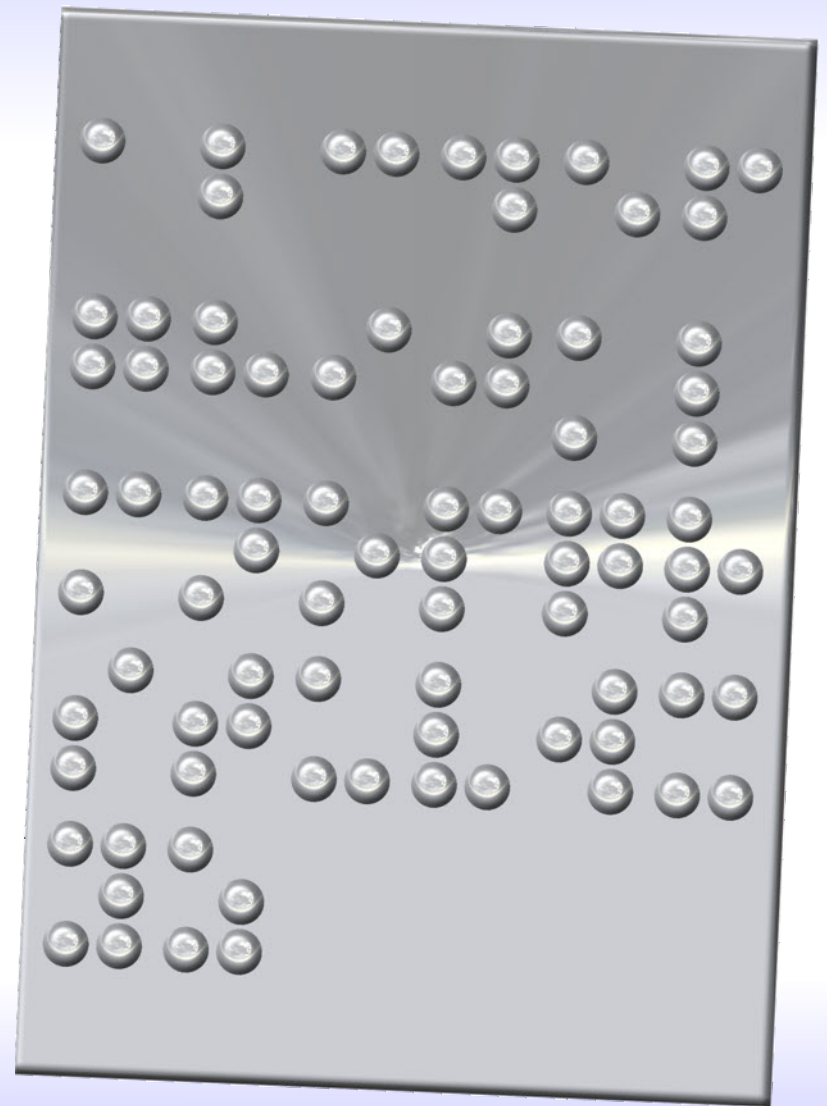
In 1827 he published the first printed book in braille to help teach his system to others.



In 1828 Louis became a teacher at the school where he used to be a student.

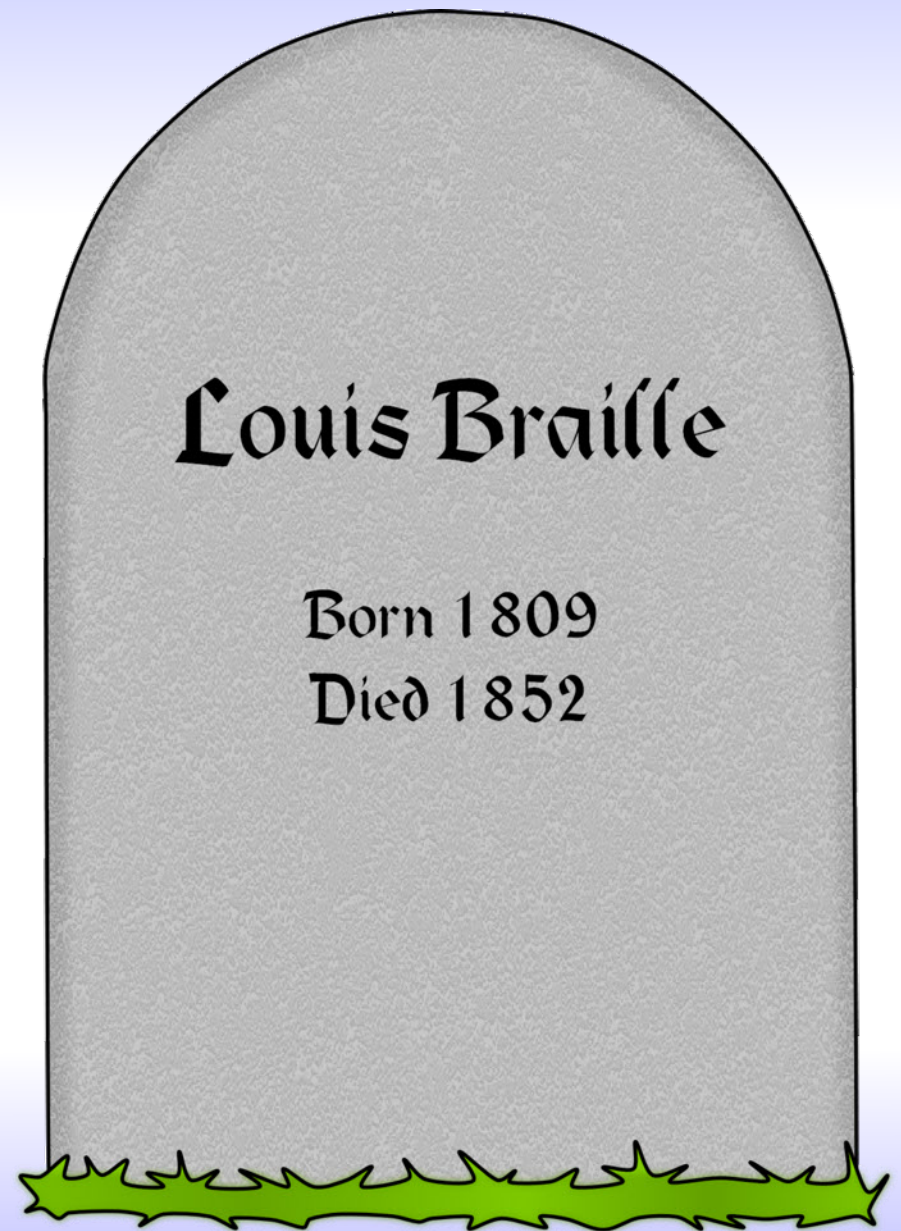


In 1840 Louis and his friend Pierre Foucault made a special machine to speed up printing.





Louis died in 1852.





By 1868, Louis' 6-dot system had become a world wide standard.

