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I'm sure that almost every one of you looked at your watch or at a clock before you came for the exam today. Watches and clocks seem as much a part of our life as breathing or eating. And yet, did you know that watches and clocks were hard to find in the United States until the 1850s? In the late 1700s, people didn't know the exact time unless they were near a clock. Those delightful clocks in the squares of European towns were built for the public—after all, most citizens simply couldn't afford a personal timepiece. Well into the 1800s—in Europe and the United States—the main purpose of a watch, which, by the way, was often on a gold chain, was to show others how wealthy you were.

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