

We chose Mayo Clinic as our topic because one of our group members' family visits the clinic often. Another of our group member's aunt works as a nurse there. Mayo has developed many new technologies and been on the frontiers of medicine since its founding so we felt it matched the theme well.

During our research, one helpful database was Ebscohost.com. We found articles that we weren't able to find otherwise. Some of these articles helped us create our script for the website. Mayo Clinic's website provided articles and documentaries about our topic. One final very helpful database was Newspapers.com. Our primary sources found there helped us realize what people thought of the doctors and clinic during that time period.

We were able to tour the Mayo Clinic campus. Our guide gave an extensive history of the Clinic, its architecture, and its vision today. We went through every building but spent much of our time in the *Historical Suite*. Our interviews with staff working at Mayo, and Dr. Fye, a cardiologist and historian, were very helpful! He also provided us with helpful primary sources.

Our group created our project by dividing the work into sections. We accomplished tasks faster this way. We learned how to work as a team, problem solving, and be even more productive. When problem-solving and ran into difficulty, we would help each other. We were surprised to learn that patience was an important part of working on a team, as we wouldn't have been able to finish without it.

The website was created by one member while the others worked on paperwork, finding and citing pictures, and clipping videos. The color scheme we chose was based on Mayo Clinic's colors (blue and black) with the crème color to look like antiqued paper. Using the NHD website software had been difficult initially but it has become easier to navigate over time. It was fun to

see how the website would develop and change each day. However, it was sometimes frustrating to see edits we uploaded not appear. Overall, this has been a very enjoyable experience to present our project information using technology.

In 1899, frustrated by poor standards of hospitals and healthcare in America, Mother Alfred Moes and Doctors William and Charles Mayo founded the frontier-building Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Mayo Clinic's emphasis on medical research and unique way of approaching different diagnoses enabled them to become one of the premier hospitals in America. Additionally, the belief to treat everyone, regardless of background, gave them a unique advantage of perspective.

Our topic relates to the theme because Mayo Clinic was on the frontier of hospitals at the time in their efforts to further medical and patient care. Through collaborative work and research, Mayo has created vital medications like Cortisone, revolutionary cancer treatments, organization of patient records and helped to further medical education as a whole. The many advancements made from the Clinic have truly advanced medical knowledge and research.