

Alexander Graham Bell

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The first telephone created a turning point in history for worldwide communication (History.com editors). On March 7, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell created a patent for the first telephone (Bell). Bell's invention impacted the world by giving people instant communication wherever they were located (Forgeard). The first telephone was produced by the Bell Telephone Company (History.com editors). The invention of the telephone influenced advancements in communication and in the creation of several communication companies. The telephone was important because it led the world to communicate easier, faster, and in more efficient ways (Forgeard).

I chose my topic by first researching people or events that made a turning point in history. Then I had three options to choose from, and looked at which of those three I would enjoy the most. I finally decided on Alexander Graham Bell because I am very interested in technology. I have always wanted to know the process of how to make a telephone, and researching Alexander Graham Bell was a perfect topic for that. When researching Bell I learned that it took him years of work for it to come true.

As I was looking for primary sources, I went to look at the Library of Congress and found very reliable information. There were multiple letters, photos, newspaper articles, and many more sources. I also found Bell's patent on the Library of Congress and that has information on the process of how to improve his telegraphy. I also used a video of Bell's voice talking through the telephone for the very first time to one of his business partners and Alexander Bell said, "Mr. Watson, come here. I want you." (History.com editors).

This year I chose to make a website, and started with signing into NHD Web Central, which I used to construct my website. I then picked colors that I thought would tie well with the photos I wanted to use for the pages of the website. I put in photos, background colors, and titles

for the web pages. I had already written a research paper that had almost all of the information needed for the website, so I put the information into the corresponding pages. Now all I needed to do was put finishing touches on the website and I even put a video in the influence section and the website was done.

The theme for History Day this year was Turning Points in History, and I think that Alexander Graham Bell ties really well to the theme. Bell's invention impacted the entire world; communication was upgraded to a much higher level, and people could communicate across the globe. Bell influenced future phones and teleology. New telephone companies were introduced to society. The importance of Bell's invention can be seen through the efficient ways that people can communicate today. The telephone was a significant turning point in communication history. Alexander Graham Bell will forever be known as one of the greatest inventors in history, a true communication hero.