

Henry Ford and the Innovation of the Assembly Line

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In 1913, Henry Ford used the moving assembly line to mass-produce Model T cars in Detroit, MI. Car production became faster and more cost-effective. The continued use of the assembly line for over 100 years proves that Henry Ford's innovation of the assembly line truly was a turning point in history that changed the industry forever.

We decided that our topic should be Henry Ford and the Innovation of the Assembly Line. We picked our topic because we both love cars and their history. We are very interested in cars and their history. Learning about how cars were made in the 1900s and even today was fascinating. We also thought a slim amount of people would use this topic; so, we wanted to stand out from the rest. It was also a good choice because we were trying to pick a topic we both wanted. One of us wanted to change to a motorcycle topic and another wanted it to stay with Henry Ford. So we agreed on keeping it the Model T.

We researched using our computers to find books and online sources like websites and videos about the assembly line and the Model T. We viewed informational sites like Britannica and the official Ford website. We got information like how many cars the Ford assembly line produced when the Model T was made and the assembly line. We also visited two libraries for class field trips: the Delano Library and the Minneapolis Library. We learned a lot about the assembly line and the Model T before, during, and after it was created. It is amazing how an old process could still be used in today's modern world.

We chose our History Day presentation category because we wanted to be able to use lots of words in our project. We created our accounts on the National History Day website so we could create our website. We learned how to change backgrounds, add pictures, link blocks, text blocks, videos and so much more. The assembly line is a turning point in history because it changed the way that not only car companies built their cars, but how many more companies

built their products as well. It also helped to create the middle class. Before the Model T and the assembly line, the average person did not travel long distances frequently. The assembly line lowered the cost of cars and allowed more people to own cars as a means of transportation. This made it so they could live away from the city, in the country, because it was now easier to get into town than it was with a horse and buggy. The influence the assembly line has had on the world has changed today's society in more ways than transportation making it a turning point in history in many ways