

Process Paper

The topic of submersibles was chosen in August while looking into possible topics for this year's theme of Breaking Barriers. While researching, we arrived upon the event of Deep Horizon reaching the Mariana Trench and how it broke the barrier of deep sea ocean exploration and travel. We researched this topic of submersibles more and more and found the vast amount of ways how submersibles affected the world we live in today, how the mere threat of submersibles helped avert nuclear war, and how they helped bring world peace in a time where there wasn't much hope for it.

We started our research off by splitting the work up into tasks, since this was a broad topic, we narrowed the work down into three main topics, the history of the submersible, the role it played during war, and the role it played in deep-sea explorations. We later researched the topic on the internet and found the key events concerning submersibles and its impacts on society and technology. Additionally, we went to physical and electronic libraries and the internet to find primary documents such as books, newspapers or media to strengthen and correct our information. Lastly we found our pictures by looking through the primary documents and the internet and only chose the pictures that accurately represented the idea of the topic being written.

We decided to create a website as we had prior experience using the weebly software that was provided for us last year; therefore, we both knew what makes a website look good in terms of layout/style and we knew how to manage our word count effectively. Using a website is more convenient than a board or a documentary because we can both work and contribute on the website even with busy schedules and it does not require all the group members to meet at the same time. In our first meeting, we split up the work and assigned jobs to both of us, and agreed that we would check on each other's work weekly to discourage procrastination and glance/criticize each other's research. After the research, we constructed the website together by first placing all the information on a Google Slides document, then shortening it, placing all of that information onto our website, adding recurring menus, titles and images, and lastly formatting the website to make the final product.

It may not seem like it at first, but submersibles fit the theme of Breaking Barriers. Since not only did they cause humans to go deeper into the ocean than ever before which lead to a plethora of life forms being discovered, they helped stop the threat of nuclear war as the very idea of a hidden submersible that could obliterate thousands in the world deemed nuclear weapons, in general, as inhumane and devalued their necessity to be used. Submersibles helped break the barriers between nations and ushered in an era of peace and prosperity seen in parts of the world today.