

Inventions of the 19th Century

In the last 40 years of the 19th century (the 1800's), patents on ideas for inventions neared 600,000. Many of these inventions we take for granted today because our society has been so inundated with technology and we have grown accustomed to it from birth.

Today's question of the day focuses on:

What new inventions and innovations came about in an effort to improve communication, travel, and life overall?

To answer this question today you will be searching the internet in order to find either the 1) Name of the **Inventor** 2) **Year** it was invented or 3) **Invention** name. After finding this information on the internet you must then draw a conclusion as to how this invention has helped American life and fill this in under "**Importance**".

**Please add "Wilbur + Orville Wright" to the bottom of the front side of your sheet.*

**Please add "Toilet Paper" to the back side, bottom, of your sheet.*

Some of the information has been filled in for you to give you a clue as to where to look.

You may use the following websites to help in your research:

<http://inventors.about.com/> On the left hand side of this website click on either "Find Inventions A to Z" or "Find Inventors A to Z"

<http://www.zoomschool.com/inventors/indexh.shtml> This will give you some help to some inventions.

<http://inventors.about.com/library/inventors/bledison.htm>

<http://www.history-magazine.com/cable.html> This website will help to explain how the transatlantic cable was set up.

<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/577006/Gustavus-Franklin-Swift> This website will focus on the Refrigeration car.

You may also use any other website or google to help you with additional information.

HOMEWORK: Tonight pick one invention that you found most important in class. Write at least 5 sentences explaining 1) what the invention is, 2) who invented it and when 3) Why you found it the most important 4) How it has impacted our life