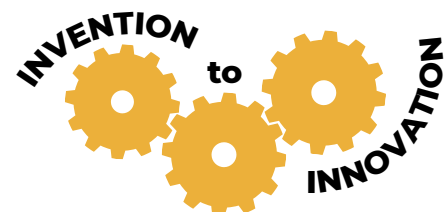


"Innovation in History: Impact, Influence, Change"

The 2027 History Day theme is about new ideas. It asks you to think about inventions. How did new ideas change people's lives? Pick a topic. Then ask: What changed? How did it change people? How did it change history?

An innovation is a change. It happens because someone made something new. Or someone thought of a new way to do things. Historians study what happens after these changes.



INVENTION/NEW IDEA

A new idea that solves a problem.

INNOVATION

A new idea that changes how people live.

What problem did the innovation solve? This helps you understand the change. How did the new idea change people's lives? Did everyone benefit the same way? Did some people gain more power than others?

IMPACT

The good and bad effects of the change. Some effects happen right away. Some happen later.

INFLUENCE

How the new idea spreads to more people. How it changes the way people think.

CHANGE

Proof that life is different now. People cannot go back to the old way.

Impact, influence, and change help historians study the past. Look at your NHD topic. Write one sentence. How did your topic change things for people? Why can't we go back to the old way?

Pick a topic that is at least 20 years old. This makes it easier to see the changes — both the fast ones and the slow ones.

What problem led to this new idea?

How did the the new idea change people's lives right away?

How did people feel about the innovation at first? Did everyone feel the same way?

What did the new idea leave behind? What things could never go back to the way they were?

Who was helped by the new idea?
Who was not helped?

How does the the new idea connect to things we use or do today?

GUIDING QUESTIONS