



Innovation 101

If today's students are going to continue America's legacy as a world leader of innovation, they need to see themselves as the next Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, Steve Jobs or Martha Stewart. More important, they have to know how to gain and hone the skills they will need.

Use The Henry Ford's online destination OnInnovation.com to put your students in the same room with the most definitive sources on making innovation a state of mind — the innovators themselves.

An ideal resource for self-directed learning or for blended/flipped classroom models, OnInnovation gives teachers and students unlimited, free online access to The Henry Ford's extensive library of more than 700 videos, including interviews with modern-day visionaries. The purposely candid interviews make iconic figures such as software giant Bill Gates, architect Toshiko Mori and urban farming champion Will Allen real to students, who learn from the innovators that it's OK to take chances, to make mistakes and to look at the world in ways no one else has.

Looking to dig even deeper into what it takes to innovate with your students? Access OnInnovation.com's digital curriculum, **Innovation 101**. This paradigm-shifting online module allows you to delve even further into the creative process behind the people and ideas that have shaped the world - and helps students figure out how they can take part.

At The Henry Ford, you can help your students identify and nurture inherent personality traits for innovation by encouraging them to immerse themselves in the childhood homes, backyard workshops and laboratories where some of the most creative minds produced world-changing innovations.

Stand in Thomas Edison's Menlo Park Laboratory in Greenfield Village, talk about his fervent curiosity as a boy and then dream up a laundry list of all the things Edison became curious about changing — and did.

Study visionary architect R. Buckminster Fuller's geodesic dome or his Dymaxion House in Henry Ford Museum, talk about what he really meant by "doing more with less" and then ask students to contemplate how the phrase applies today.

Leverage The Henry Ford's on-site and OnInnovation.com assets, and start the classroom dialogue about how your students can make history by becoming tomorrow's thinkers, doers and problem-solvers. Watch as they seamlessly learn and begin to practice 21st-century skills, such as critical thinking, creativity, communication and collaboration.

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RESOURCES

ON-SITE PROGRAM

Edison's Light Fantastic

Dramatic presentation in Greenfield Village;
Free with admission
Early May through mid-June and Fridays in October

Home from Kitty Hawk

Dramatic presentation in Greenfield Village;
Free with admission
Early May through mid-June and Fridays in October

Elijah: The Real McCoy

Dramatic presentation in Greenfield Village;
Free with admission
Early May through mid-June

MakerFaire® Detroit

Special event in Henry Ford Museum;
Every July; Additional cost

CLASSROOM RESOURCES

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Digital Educational Module

Be an Innovator Like . . .

Henry Ford 
Educational Activity Book

Be an Innovator Like . . .

Rosa Parks 
Educational Activity Book

Visit thehenryford.org/resourcebank for resource descriptions and curriculum connections.