Impact of the Model T — Then and Now Extension Activities

These extension activities provide opportunities for the eager learner curious about topics related to the impact of the Model T.

Take Action

Have students choose a legacy of the Model T or assembly line that they feel strongly about maintaining or changing (for example, personal automobility, fuel issues, etc.). They should research the issue's origins, its impact on society today and its potential future impacts. Next, they should determine what they would like to see done about the issue. Finally, they should develop and carry out a plan to get the school or community involved in this issue.

Innovative Uses

Access Onlnnovation.com. Watch or read the portion of Steve Wozniak's interview in which he says he often finds surprising uses for things that had seemed useless. Encourage students to come up with a use for something that seems useless (for example, something that's broken or left over from a project). Bring "useless" items in or have students find them themselves. Allow them to combine their item with whatever other materials they'd like.

Creativity Within a Budget

Access OnInnovation.com. Watch or read the portion of Steve Wozniak's interview in which he says he did his best work when he didn't have a lot of money to fund it; this forced him to be more creative. Allocate students a small amount of money, let them choose what they would want to do with it and then have them design a budget to achieve this goal.