

Unit Plan **Timeline**

Henry Ford and Innovation

- 1863 Henry Ford is born in Springwells Township, Michigan.
- 1876 Henry sees his first steam traction engine moving under its own power.
- 1896 Henry completes his first car: the Quadricycle.
- 1903 After failing at two companies, Henry starts Ford Motor Company. Its first car is the Model A.
- 1908 Henry introduces the Model T.
- 1914 Ford Motor Company initiates the \$5 workday.
- 1927 Ford Motor Company ends Model T production.
- 1947 Henry Ford dies at 83 years of age.

National Events

- 1863 The Emancipation Proclamation goes into effect.
- 1892 Ellis Island opens; 12 million immigrants pass through Ellis Island before it closes in 1954.
- 1901 President William McKinley is shot by an anarchist.
- 1906 San Francisco experiences the Great Earthquake.
- 1919 The 19th Amendment gives women the right to vote.
- 1929 The stock market crashes, initiating the Great Depression.
- 1941 Pearl Harbor is bombed by the Japanese, and the U.S. enters World War II.

Other Innovators

- 1867 Wilbur Wright is born in Millville, Indiana.
- 1871 Orville Wright is born in Dayton, Ohio.
- 1879 Thomas Edison develops first practical electric light bulb.
- 1896 George Washington Carver becomes agricultural director at Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, where he educates former slaves and researches crops to help feed the poor.
- 1903 Wilbur and Orville Wright make their first flight at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.
- 1908 General Electric Company patents the electric toaster.
- 1911 Holt Company adds internal combustion engines to its combines, increasing their grain-harvesting potential.
- 1929 Celebration of the light bulb's 50th anniversary in *Greenfield Village*.

World Events

- 1867 *Das Kapital* by Karl Marx critiques capitalism as exploitive of labor.
- 1871 Germany is unified.
- 1890s Russian imperialism focuses on the Far East.
- 1904 Japan defeats China and annexes Taiwan.
- 1905 Albert Einstein's theory of relativity revolutionizes physics.
- 1914 World War I begins.
- 1931 Penicillin's medicinal properties are discovered by Dr. Howard Florey at Oxford, England.
- 1945 The U.S. drops atomic bombs on Japan; World War II ends.