

Model Expository Essay: "Important Inventions in the Past"

Throughout history, many inventions have been created. The Industrial Revolution started in the late 1700s, and since then, humankind has been developing at an exponential rate. Truly amazing and useful devices, such as the steam engine, printing press, and telegraph were invented. In the last 100 years, however, the airplane, the computer, and the cell phone have been created and are truly amazing as well.

The first most useful invention is the airplane, invented in 1903 by the Wright brothers. Airplanes make it possible to travel long distances in a few hours, whereas before, it took days, weeks, or even months to travel by horseback. The world is truly smaller because a person can now effortlessly travel from one country to another to work, study, or take vacations in record speed. Additionally, a plane enables people to travel over high mountains and deep oceans with ease. Just imagine all of the places that people could not travel to due to geographical obstructions. It is as if the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans are small rivers and the Himalaya and Rocky Mountains are tiny hills to jump over. With the invention of the airplane, people are connected to other places like never before.

The second most important invention in the last century is the computer, invented in the mid-1900s. Because a laptop computer is small, portable, and can store large amounts of data, it is useful for business. Computer software programs make it possible to keep track not only of business accounting and inventory, but also to buy and sell online. With Skype, business meetings can be conducted without your having to be in the office. The computer is also useful for home. The Internet connects computers with a network of websites, and people can communicate on the computer with email, blogs, wikis, and even phone conversations. E-books, movies, games, and music can be downloaded as well. Lastly, it's great for school. From research to typing documents from on-line teachers to taking on-line courses, the computer is the global classroom. It has revolutionized education and opportunities to learn. With the invention of the computer, people are connected to other ideas like never before.

This leads into the third most useful invention, the cell phone, popularized in the 1990s. The cell phone keeps people more connected. People can talk, take pictures, or even send text messages to friends and family when they are far away, even in another country. The phones often have Internet browsers, so people can stay up-to-date with the latest news and events. Moreover, the cell phone keeps people safer. Drivers can call to let someone know they will be delayed if they get stuck in traffic or call for help if their car breaks down. Victims can easily dial 911 in case of a medical or search and rescue emergency. With the invention of the cell phone, people are connected to people like never before.

In conclusion, "necessity is the mother of invention" probably explains how these miraculous innovations were discovered. These inventions have not only transformed our society, but they have also transformed the world. It will be interesting to see what will be invented next.