

Inventions & Innovations Worksheet

Part I - Matching

Directions: Match the inventor(s)/innovator(s) with the invention(s)/innovation(s) that helped make them famous.

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| _____ 1. Philip Armour & Gustavus Swift | A) Airplane |
| _____ 2. Alexander Graham Bell | B) Chocolate candy company |
| _____ 3. Andrew Carnegie | C) Expanding railroad & shipping lines |
| _____ 4. E.I. Du Pont | D) Gunpowder mill & smokeless gunpowder |
| _____ 5. George Eastman | E) Handheld camera |
| _____ 6. Thomas Edison | F) Meatpacking industry |
| _____ 7. Milton Hershey | G) Oil refining |
| _____ 8. Samuel F.B. Morse | H) Phonograph, motion picture camera, incandescent light bulb, direct current power plant |
| _____ 9. George Pullman | I) Railroad airbrake system & automatic signal devices; alternating current power plant |
| _____ 10. John D. Rockefeller | J) Railroad sleeping (coach) cars |
| _____ 11. Christopher Sholes | K) Steel |
| _____ 12. Cornelius Vanderbilt | L) Telegraph |
| _____ 13. George Westinghouse | M) Telephone |
| _____ 14. Orville & Wilbur Wright | N) Typewriter & practical adding machine |

Part II – Essay

Directions: Choose from the inventions/innovations above & write a short essay (at least a large paragraph) on which technological advance you feel has had the longest lasting impact on American life. Support your essay with examples.