**Industrial Revolution Project**

***Students will create a product showing how selected inventions and innovations helped to propel the Industrial Revolution in the United States. You may choose one of the following options for your project:***

**Product choices:**

1. Build a museum exhibit of an invention from the late 1700s-1850s. Include a written description of how it was invented, the invention’s use, and the effect on the economy.
2. Develop an illustrated timeline of an invention to explain the creation of your invention and innovations made throughout history. Your timeline must include both text and pictures.
3. Pretend to be a traveler during the 1700s-1850s and create a written travel log of at least 3 new inventions you see and how they affect society and the economy. Your travel log must include written information as well as pictures of each invention.
4. Produce and record an “infomercial” highlighting an invention of the Industrial Revolution. Include information about the use of the invention, the inventor, and effect on the economy.
5. Produce a “newspaper” from the time period of the Industrial Revolution. Your newspaper should include articles on at least 3 inventions, the inventors, uses, and effects on the economy.
6. Produce a children’s book highlighting at least 3 key inventions. Your children’s book must include information about the inventors, use of each invention, and the impact on society and the economy.

**Major inventions:**

* Cotton Gin
* Lowell Mills
* Interchangeable Parts
* Steamboat
* Telegraph
* Steel tipped plow
* Mechanical reaper
* Erie Canal
* Transcontinental Railroad

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| **Content**  **50 points** | Required information is included:   * Name of invention(s) * Name of inventor(s) * Use of invention(s) * Impact on society/the economy | Points earned:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **Neatness and Organization**  **25 points** | * Information must be clearly displayed * Project must be neat and attractive * Correct grammar and spelling is required on all written portions of the project | Points earned:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **Participation**  **25 points** | * Class time must be used wisely | Points earned:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |