

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:

- A) 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.
- B) 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.
- C) 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.
- D) 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.
- E) 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.
- F) 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

Rubric

Content 50 points	Required information is included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name of invention(s) • Name of inventor(s) • Use of invention(s) • Impact on society/the economy 	Points earned: _____
Neatness and Organization 25 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class time must be used wisely • Presentation of project 	Points earned: _____