**Inventors Research Project**

Research the answers to the following questions. This will be your guide for your presentation and will need to be answered in your presentation to the class. Your job is to convenience the class that your invention is the greatest invention in American history.

* *Who was the inventor?*
* *What was the need that the invention was meant to fill?*
* *Through what stages did the object develop? What caused changes in the object over time?*
* *How did the object affect the way people behave or live?*
* *What is the economic impact of the object?*
* *How has this invention sparked other inventions?*
* *Is it something we still use or has it been replaced?*

Class Presentation

* Present the information from your research to the class
* Two PowerPoint Slides, you may use up to four
  + Picture of the inventor with his/her name on the slide
  + Picture of the invention
* Using your research argue that this invention has had the greatest impact on American History.

**Grading Rubric----**

Information------------ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_25\_\_\_

* Introduce and give brief history
* Explain how it works
* Describe it’s uses
* Identify how it’s effected/changed everyday life

Presentation ----------- min. of two slides max of four \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_15\_\_\_

* Visual aid appealing
  + Used properly
  + Correct spelling
  + Illustrate
* Personal Presentation
  + eyed contact
  + comfortable
  + volume

**What you have to turn in:----** Typed Works Cited Page – must be in MLA format (use easybib.com or a similar site) You must have a minimum of five sources.

Inventions to have students draw from:

1. Alkaline Batteries (Thomas Edison)
2. Telephone (Alexander Graham Bell)
3. Blue Jeans (Levi Strauss)
4. Braille Typewriter (Frank Haven Hall)
5. Cash Register (James Ritty)
6. Celluloid (John Wesley Hyatt)
7. Coca-Cola (John Pemberton)
8. Cotton Candy (William Morrison and John C. Wharton)
9. Dishwasher (Joel Houghton)
10. Eastman Camera (George Eastman)
11. Electric light bulb (Thomas Edison)
12. Phonograph record (Thomas Edison)
13. Elevator Brake (Elisha Graves Otis)
14. Escalator (Jesse W. Reno)
15. Fountain Pen (Lewis E. Waterman)
16. Folding Cabinet Bed (Sarah S. Goode)
17. Metal Zipper (Whitcomb L. Judson)
18. Motorcycle (Sylvester Howard Roper)
19. Potato Chips (George Crum)
20. Pushpin (Edwin Moore)
21. Revolving Door (Theophilus Van Kannel)
22. Typewriter (Christopher Latham Sholes)
23. Vacuum Cleaner (John S. Thurman)
24. Cylinder Pin-Tumbler Lock (Linus Yale Jr.)
25. Adhesive Tape (Scotch Tape) (Richard G. Drew)
26. Airplane (Wright Brothers)
27. Assembly Line (Henry Ford)
28. Crayons (Edwin Binney and Harold Smith)
29. Teabag (Thomas Sullivan)
30. Windshield Wiper (Mary Anderson)
31. Pullman Sleeping Car (George Pullman)
32. Electric Streetcar (Stephen Dudley Field)
33. Ice Machine (Thaddeus Lowe)
34. Shoemaking machine (Jan E. Matzeliger)
35. Electromechanical Brake (Granville T. Woods)
36. Gasoline Powered Car (Charles and J. Frank Duryea)