



You will be examining inventions of the past and present to learn how inventions inspire and lead to the development of other inventions. As long as there have been people, there has been technology and this has been a powerful force in the development of civilisations.

Your Goal: Choose a modern piece of technology or an idea. Research how this is connected to the experiences of the past and predict how you think it might look in the future.

Remember, technology is essentially anything that is made by humans to help them succeed in their environment. Natural things like rocks, grass, leaves, wind, wood, etc., are not technology but they are often used to help humans build technology.



Some examples you may want to inquire into could include:

Calendar	Toothpaste	Wheel
Pottery	Plywood	Swimming Pools
Computers	Cars	Clocks
Bikes	Television	Eye glasses

In your report, try to answer the following questions:

- What did this technology look like in the past? When was it first created?
- How do you think your chosen technology has affected the way people live? Why?
- Could you live without this invention? Why? Why not?
- What kind of invention might be developed in the future that could result from or be related to this technology?

You can present your findings how you wish. It could be an animated Keynote with a recorded voice track in the same style as the Engineering Connection videos we watched, an oral presentation with props, a detailed poster illustrating the steps / connections, or something totally different.