

Henry Ford: The American Dream

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Why we chose our topic:

Last summer, I traveled to Detroit, Michigan to visit family and while I was there I went to the Ford River Rouge truck plant and the Henry Ford Museum. After seeing the all of the history and accomplishments of Henry Ford, I was fascinated with him. I saw all of the things he revolutionized and was flabbergasted by all the cars and machines in the museum. Also, since I had always been fascinated with cars and how they are made I thought this would be a good topic for Will and me.

How we conducted our research:

First I consulted the Henry Ford museum website to relive some of the exhibits that I saw last summer. Then I went to the local library and got books on Henry Ford himself and history books regarding his time period. Luckily Will had two books that Henry Ford wrote that was a foundation for our website. He also had subscriptions to Time Magazine and New York Times archives which gave us a basis on the mindsets of how the people in the early 20th century thought about him. Lastly we used internet sources to get photos, quotes and additional information.

How I created and developed my website:

Will using his expertise in web designing, designed the website while I concentrated my efforts on the historical content. We had enormous amounts of photographs and magazine articles that made up our historical insight into the past. We also made graphs and charts using Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Excel and Google Spreadsheets, exemplifying the numbers aspect that the photographic content wasn't able to provide. Finally we had help by using widgets to make the website interactive and we also modified the coding to our liking.

How our project relates to the theme:

Our project relates to the theme in the outstanding legacy of Henry Ford and his ability to lead the United States through the industrial revolution. Henry Ford left behind the legacy of the Ford Motor Company and the way that automobiles are made today. He led a massive work force and led the historical industrial power that America was known for during WWII. Ford was a prominent figure in U.S. history and lived the American Dream that some others lived for. Henry Ford was a leader in history and his legacy still lives today in the Ford Motor Company and in Detroit.

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