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Additional Research 1.1

The Industrial Revolution and the Age of Industry would not have been possible without the contributions of some remarkable people. The list below is a catalogue of some of the more famous inventors and pioneers of the industrial age. This is by no means the definitive list as countless numbers of people were involved in inventing and applying modifications and improvements to original designs and processes that contributed to the progress of the era. Chart a timeline using the list below and map the progress of invention and discovery throughout the industrial age. You can use an online program to create this timeline. There are a number of programs available such as Dipity, TimeRime, TimeToast, Capzies, Xtimeline, Timeglider or Tiki Toki. Discuss with your teacher which one is most appropriate for your class.

Your timeline must show:

- name of the inventor or pioneer
- name of the invention or discovery
- date of the invention or discovery (usually when the design was patented)
- area in which the invention or discovery was applied; the categories for these are:
 - industry
 - manufacturing
 - communications
 - transport
 - armaments
 - agriculture
 - building and construction.

When showing these on a timeline you may want to create a legend. So, for instance, inventions or discoveries that come under the category of manufacturing may be highlighted in red. It is up to you how you do this. Your system must be clearly apparent to your audience.

Once you have completed your timeline, chose three of the inventors or pioneers listed and provide a brief report on their invention or discovery and discuss how their inventions or



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discovery were important in the progress of the industrial age and how they influenced society – either positively or negatively.

List of inventors or pioneers

- Richard Arkwright
- Alexander Graham Bell
- Karl Benz and Gottlieb Daimler
- Henry Bessemer
- Samuel Colt
- Samuel Crompton
- Louis Daguerre
- Thomas Edison
- Henry Ford
- Robert Fulton
- Richard Gatling
- Charles Goodyear
- James Hargreaves

- Joseph-Marie Jacquard
- Auguste and Louis Lumière
- John Loudon McAdam
- Cyrus McCormick
- Samuel Morse
- Nicéphore Niépce
- Alfred Nobel
- Elisha Graves Otis
- Alois Senefelder
- George Stephenson
- Alessandro Volta
- James Watt
- Eli Whitney



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Suggested response

Student responses will vary. However, responses should follow the guidelines below.

- The objective of this task is to get students to develop their research and analysis skills.
- Make some judgments about the more significant inventions or discoveries of some
 of the people listed (if they are credited with a number of discoveries and
 inventions).
- Explain their choices.
- Make some judgments about an appropriate date for each invention and discovery.
- The list below has mostly used patent dates or dates of official release to determine dates.

Inventor	Invention or discovery	Category
James Hargreaves	Spinning jenny 1764	Manufacturing
(1720–1778)		
Richard Arkwright	Spinning frame 1769	Manufacturing
(1732–1792)		
Samuel Crompton	Spinning mule 1779	Manufacturing
(1753–1827)		
James Watt	Steam engine 1776	Industry
(1736–1819)		
Alessandro Volta	Electric battery 1800	Industry
(1745–1827)		
Joseph-Marie Jacquard	Jacquard loom 1804	Manufacturing
(1752–1834)		
John Loudon McAdam	Macadamisation 1816	Building and construction
(1756–1836)		
Nicéphore Niépce	Photograph 1825	Communications
(1765–1833)		
Robert Fulton	Steamboat 1807	Transport



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(1765–1815)		
Eli Whitney	Cotton gin 1793	Manufacturing
(1765–1825)		
Alois Senefelder	Lithography 1796	Communications
(1771–1834)		
George Stephenson	Steam locomotive 1814	Transport
(1781–1834)		
Louis Daguerre	Daguerreotype 1839	Communications
(1787–1851)		
Samuel Morse	Morse code 1830s	Communications
(1791–1872)		
Charles Goodyear	Vulcanised rubber 1839	Industry
(1800–1860)		
Cyrus McCormick	Mechanical reaper 1834	Agriculture
(1809–1884)		
Elisha Graves Otis	Safety elevator 1854	Building and construction
(1811–1861)		
Henry Bessemer	Bessemer process for the	Industry
(1813–1898)	production of inexpensive	
	steel 1856	
Samuel Colt	Colt revolver 1835	Armaments
(1814–1862)		
Richard Gatling	Gattling gun 1861	Armaments
(1818–1903)		
Alfred Nobel	Dynamite 1867	Industry
(1833–1896)		
Karl Benz	Petrol powered automotive	Transport
(1844–1929)	1885–86	
and Gottlieb Daimler		
(1834–1900)		
Thomas Edison	Electric light 1879	Industry
(1847–1931)		
Alexander Graham Bell	Telephone 1876	Communications



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(1847–1922)		
Auguste Lumière	Motion picture 1895	Communications
(1862–1954)		
and Louis Lumière		
(1864–1948)		
Henry Ford	Pioneer of the assembly line	Manufacturing
(1863–1947)	in manufacturing 1908–15	