Invention Research Project

You and a design partner will investigate and find a major invention or development that has occurred in the last 90 years (since 1920) to research. You will prepare a comprehensive research presentation about the invention you choose to investigate. The presentation should include answers to the following:

Name and Description of the invention
- What does it do?
- How does it work?
- Other interesting facts
- What does it look like? Include pictures

History of the invention
- Who was the inventor?
- What year was it invented?
- Where was it invented?
- Why was it invented?

Historical Circumstances
- Who was the US President at the time of invention?
- What significant occurrences were happening at the time of invention? (i.e. war, recession, depression)
- What was the average US household income at the time of invention?

Impact of the invention
- On society
- On you

Future of this product
- Predict the future of this product.
- Describe what you think it would look like 10 years from now.

Resources you used
- Provide a typed and properly formatted works cited page (use MS Word).
- Minimum of 3 sources required
- Include all resources.

Specifications:
Use the Invention Fact Sheet to help you organize your work. You will hand in the Fact Sheet when you give your presentation. Your presentation must be professionally done and well organized. You can either do a presentation board or a Power Point presentation. Your team will decide the best way to display or present all of your research work and will make a three to four minute presentation to the other design teams. Each group member must participate in presenting your information.

Recommendations for Power Point are listed on the back of this sheet.
• Transitions between points and slides should be medium to fast speed
• Do not include words on a presentation that you cannot pronounce, it makes you seem unprepared
• Pay close attention to font size and color: it needs to be easy on the eyes and easy to read (Light color on a dark background is usually effective)
• Look at your audience, not the screen: Have a printout of your slides in hand. Print 3 slides per page.
• Keep your backgrounds consistent: do not have a different style for each slide
• Do not over-do animations: they can be distracting and reduce the effectiveness of a presentation
• Project your voice
• Do not stand directly in front of the screen
• Do not put too many words on a slide – you should not have paragraphs
• If you are enlarging a picture on a slide, make sure that it is not pixilated or blurry
• Use sound minimally, if at all
• Do not set the slide transitions on a timer. Unless you practice it a great deal, the timing will be off and therefore distracting during the presentation
• Practice clicking through the slides and delivering the information