

PROJECT: SCIENTISTS AND INVENTORS

There has been a huge amount of technological progress made in the last 100 years. Just think, 100 years ago, there was no television; many homes didn't even have a radio. Many scientists and inventors led the way to the technological revolution that we are currently living in.

What makes someone a scientist or an inventor, though?

Scientists seek to explain how the world works. They conduct research and experiments to test a hypothesis. Their work seeks to change the way we understand the world around us.

Inventors focus on bringing an idea to reality; they do this by creating an original invention. Inventors contribute to society's progress by creating applicable ways to complete a process, such as with technological devices or chemical compounds.

Directions

Use a presentation tool of your choosing to create a slide-show presentation informing audiences about one of the following scientists and inventors:

- Marie Curie
- Thomas Edison
- Albert Einstein
- Louis Pasteur
- James Watt

Include both images and text to help the viewer gain a full understanding of the person and the person's significant contributions to science and history. Your presentation should include:

1. An introduction slide, with the title of the presentation and your name
2. A slide that describes the scientist's or inventor's background
3. A slide that describes the scientist's or inventor's contributions to society (this would be a good place to include that link to a short video or Web site)
4. A slide that describes how one experiment or invention led to (or did not lead to) another experiment or invention
5. A slide that includes information about how the scientist or inventor was able to take the work of other scientists or inventors and improve on it or add to it
6. A concluding slide
7. A works-cited slide clearly identifying where you found the content.