14 Early Modern Technology

Humans only started making complex machines a few hundred years ago. The **Industrial Revolution** was a major turning point in history. Laborers, with the help of machines, could mass **produce** goods in factories. The sewing machine, for example, greatly improved the clothing industry, making quality clothes quickly and cheaply. Ever since the steam train was invented in Scotland in 1784, **transportation** has continued to advance. In the early 1900s automobiles became common after Henry Ford's company began selling the Model-T for just \$200. Other machines have changed the world too. After their invention in 1940, computers have done **calculations**, created documents and spread information incredibly fast. Technology is even helping citizens in revolutions, like the "Arab Spring" in 2010. Citizens communicated by Facebook and Twitter to organize and protest.

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transportation steam engine



Wright Brothers

copper wires





<u>firearm</u>

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