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PROJECT SUMMARY

My project is a montage of clips that demonstrate human ingenuity; specifically, the desire of homo sapiens to create and invent. As a culture, we always, and likely will always, have had an inherent need to advance and further our society. Whether or not man's inventions succeed in this advancement is negligible; the point is humanity's efforts, the efforts of individuals, regardless of education or expertise, making any attempt they can to improve our world with their invention, to further our cultural (and oftentimes human) evolution, one invention at a time. There have been many different highly influential inventions made over time, and as we as humans evolve further, so too does our culture and technology, and our ability to create said technology. From the beginning of time, from the invention of fire, man has always come up with ideas on his own, put them to use, and hoped to advance his people, his group, by doing so. In recent years, many influential inventions have been created, including, but certainly not limited to: the computer, the cellular phone, potable water, preservative material, wheelchairs...the list could go on forever. An invention is a meme: it either catches on, into the public conscience, or it does not. In many, if not all, of the videos featured in my montage, the inventions featured did not end up catching on memetically. However, that is okay: I wish to instead show how humans are still trying to improve their world, still doing what they can to evolve themselves and their race, even if not everyone is successful. Everyone is trying, and that's what's so great about the indomitable human spirit. We are always creating, always evolving, and we will never stop until we are all dead.

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"The 50 Best Inventions of 2010 - TIME." *Breaking News, Analysis, Politics, Blogs, News Photos, Video, Tech Reviews - TIME.com*. 2010. Web. 19 Apr. 2011. <<http://www.time.com/time/specials/packages/0,28757,2029497,00.html>>.

This informed my project simply through research, and stimulation of my mind to find inventions in which can be featured in the montage.

American Museum of Natural History. Web. 19 Apr. 2011. <<http://www.amnh.org/>>.

I did not exactly know how to cite a museum, so I am instead citing their website. I used the Hall of Human Origins as research for my project, and viewed how man has evolved and changed to help me consider how man changes his environment, through inventions like music and language. This was not a direct source, but perhaps the best source as it was something that was actually interactive, and helped me better understand the concepts we learned in class, as well as reminding me of homo sapiens' creativity.

Haring, Mike. "7 Hacks That Turn Everyday Objects into Deadly Weapons | Cracked.com."

Cracked.com - America's Only Humor & Video Site Since 1958 | Cracked.com. 22 May 2009. Web. 19 Apr. 2011. <http://www.cracked.com/article_17398_7-hacks-that-turn-everyday-objects-into-deadly-weapons_p2.html>.

This was not used as academic research, but simply as, creative research, to find ideas for my topics. It was a silly article, certainly, but was very helpful, as I took a few of the inventions featured on this list into my montage.

"Inventing Ourselves :: Smithsonian Lemelson Center." *Smithsonian Institute*. 2002. Web. 19 Apr. 2011. <<http://www.invention.smithsonian.org/centerpieces/inventingourselves/index.htm>>.

This was a grand academic source. It gave me a simple and easy walk-through of inventions through time, and what humanity has created. It was a quick and easy tour through history and invention, and though perhaps a bit simple, was a great refresher course. The Smithsonian is always a great source for information.

"Inventions - Human Inventions Throughout Prehistory - Inventions." *About Archaeology - The Study of Human History*. Web. 19 Apr. 2011. <http://archaeology.about.com/od/inventions/Inventions_When_Was_the_First.htm>.

This was similar to the Smithsonian source. It showed inventions throughout time, and offered clickthroughs, offering more invention about each invention. Not too deep of a source, but this was a difficult subject to figure out what to research. I already had an idea in mind, so I figured learning more about all sorts of inventions would be the best research, and this was an interesting read for that topic.

The following is a list of the YouTube videos I used in the montage, with a label for referencing which video is which:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rdPPNj15R9I&hd=1> (homemade explosive)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ui5yPjPZ-EA> (rocket bike)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s0M3mJlwfi8> (rocket chair)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MczM3surFjM> (Hedgehog weapon)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RyuSwMF85HU> (homemade vagina)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ih_KBru6Co (hovercraft)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MfLq1e49Ewg> (submarine)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Kc4RyOMDjo> (homemade laser)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JnPYDAgrYMA> (zip line)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EsnWWMgFiS4> (monster truck)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J4i7K_rv_Gw&feature=related (biggest swing ever)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N8ikcIA9Dq4&feature=related> (wheelchair climber)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sc_bDX2Bs6k (homemade roller coaster)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_G4y0Orluio (turtle with wheel leg)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nc3vcXp_7O8 (super soaker flame thrower)