**Foundations of Technology 9th Grade**

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**Greatest Engineering Achievements of the Twentieth Century**

**DIRECTIONS: In groups of two, you will develop a brief (five-minute minimum) oral presentation on one of the “Greatest Engineering Achievements of the Twentieth Century”. Each group will select one topic from the list below.**

**Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Agricultural Mechanization Internet**

**Laser and Fiber Optics Computers Imaging**

**Health Technologies Telephone Household Appliances**

**Water Supply and Distribution Electrification Airplane**

**Nuclear Technologies Highways Automobile**

**Radio and Television Spacecraft Electronics**

**Petroleum and Petrochemical Technologies High-Performance Materials**

Use the website **http://www.greatachievements.org** to research information on your selected topic.

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|  | http://www.greatachievements.org/Images/spacer.gif |  |

**Your presentation must discuss all of the following statements listed below. Use the circles like a check list.**

* Describe what the engineering achievement is
* Describe what the engineering achievement does (How does it work? How does it function?)

You may use the website www.howstuffworks.com to help you with this information.

* Explain the need or desire that led to these projects
* Explain the resources used to create the project
* What were the personal characteristics of the people who planned and built the project
* Explain the constraints that impacted the development of the project
* What are some of the negative byproducts and or negative outcomes from the engineering achievement
* Do an analysis of the project based on the **four** design principles *(this is found in your notes from this unit)*
* Explain how the engineering achievement impacts your life
* What the future developments or improvements of this engineering achievement may come

**GRADING**

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*You may use Google to find this information*

**PRESENTATION RUBRIC**

**Greatest Engineering Achievements of the Twentieth Century**

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| **THE CONTENT SECTION** | **POINTS**  **POSSIBLE** | **EARNED ASSESSMENT** | |
| **SELF** | **TEACHER** |
| Concepts are accurately presented. | **5** |  | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Supporting details are used to help explain the concepts. | **5** |  | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Vocabulary is appropriate to both the content and the audience.  Not using generic throw-away words such as: like, stuff, gonna, etc. | **5** |  | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Visuals, including pictures, diagrams, photographs, videos, and other  props, are used appropriately to support the presentation. | **10** |  | 0 2 4 6 8 10 |
| Described what the engineering achievement is | **2** |  | 0 1 2 |
| Described what the engineering achievement does  (How does it work? How does it function?) | **2** |  | 0 1 2 |
| Explained the need or desire that led to these projects | **2** |  | 0 1 2 |
| Explained the resources used to create the project | **2** |  | 0 1 2 |
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| Explain the constraints that impacted the development of the project | **2** |  | 0 1 2 |
| What are some of the negative byproducts and or negative outcomes from the  engineering achievement | **2** |  | 0 1 2 |
| Do an analysis of the project based on the four design principles | **4** |  | 0 1 2 3 4 |
| Explain how the engineering achievement impacts your life | **2** |  | 0 1 2 |
| What the future developments or improvements of this engineering  achievement may come | **2** |  | 0 1 2 |
| **THE PRESENTATION SECTION** |  |  |  |
| Vocal quality: rate, volume, articulation, enthusiasm | **5** |  | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Body language: eye contact, posture, body movement appropriate | **5** |  | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| The speaker responds well to questions. | **2** |  | 0 1 2 |
| There is a clear beginning, organized body, and clear closure. | **3** |  | 0 1 2 3 |
| **TOTALS** | **62** |  |  |