

World of Wonder

Educational Standards and Suggested Activities

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Standards

- Current Events: Students will compare car prices with the age of the vehicle.
- Social Studies: Students will report on the Model T's popularity.
- Social Studies: Students will report on labor unions and Ford's opposition to them.

Activities

1. Use the News: There are many classified ads in the newspaper for the sale of cars. Use the news to locate the price of a new vehicle. Then, check the listings for prices of that same type of car but at different model years. What does it cost one year older, 2 years, 10 years, etc. Is there a type that seems to not lose as much value over the years? Compare prices with cars your classmates have researched.
2. Why was the Model T so popular? Why were so many sold? Were there other cars on the market? Research and report on the Model T.
3. Henry Ford opposed unionizing his autoworkers. Why was he against them joining a union? What is a labor union? Research and report on: what a union is, the pros and cons, and why Ford was against them.

World of Wonder meets many state educational standards. This guide helps teachers identify standards and related activities generally intended for grade 6, but teachers can modify activities to the appropriate grade.