

CONSEQUENCES OF CHANGE: THE AUTO AND THE AIRPLANE

Imagine a world without airplanes and automobiles and you can see some of the changes each innovation brought. The automobile and the airplane changed much more than the way people can travel. They changed the way many people live. For example, with the automobile came the growth of the suburbs and many other changes.

Each major innovation leads to many other innovations, called secondary innovations. It also brings creative destruction—people lose jobs and businesses close when a change in production makes them no longer necessary. On the chart below, list innovations that came from one major innovation: the automobile. Also identify the people who benefited and the people who were hurt in some way by change. One resource you can use to identify related innovations is the telephone directory. Use it to locate businesses that are related directly and indirectly to the automobile. You will have to use your imagination and history books to identify the people whose jobs or ways of living the automobile hurt.

Then profile the airplane on another chart.

IMPACT OF INNOVATION—THE AUTOMOBILE

RELATED INNOVATIONS	WHO BENEFITS	WHO LOSES

After you complete your chart for the airplane, decide: Which of the two innovations has had the most impact on the United States?