

Technology timeline

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Around the end of the nineteenth century and the beginning of the twentieth, there were many advances in technology that had an impact on Australian society, particularly in the areas of transport and power.

Instructions

1. The years and events listed below are in jumbled date order. Using the blank timeline on the next page, enter the events in correct chronological order.
2. Draw some small illustrations to add interest to the timeline.
3. Choose one event from the timeline and carry out some research to find out more about it.
4. Present your research findings as either a one-page word-processed report or as a PowerPoint presentation and share it with the class.

- 1897** First car to be driven in Australia has a top speed of 16 kilometres per hour.
- 1908** The Model T Ford is introduced — the first mass-produced car.
- 1900** First feature film is produced in Australia.
- 1907** Sydney and Melbourne are connected by telephone.
- 1886** Gas room heaters are introduced.
- 1905** First long-distance radio transmission in Australia is made, between Tasmania and Victoria.
- 1888** Rail link between Brisbane and Sydney is completed.
- 1896** First moving pictures are shown in Sydney.
- 1904** Electric street lights are first used in Sydney.
- 1880** First telephones are introduced in Sydney.
- 1901** William Farrer produces drought-resistant wheat.
- 1898** Phonograph is first played in Australia.
- 1883** Rail link between Melbourne and Sydney is completed.
- 1909** GA Taylor makes the first free flight in Australia, in a glider.
- 1910** Fred Custance makes the first powered flight in Australia.
- 1899** First successful wireless transmission is heard in Australia.

