## GREAT INVENTIONS.

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#### Television (1920s)

The invention that swept the world and changed leisure habits for countless millions was pioneered by Scottish – born electrical engineer John Logie Baird.

It had been realised for some time that light could be converted into electrical impulses, making it possible to transmit such impulses over a distance and then reconvert them into light.



### Motor Car ( Late 19<sup>th</sup> Century)

With television, the car is probably the most widely used and most useful of all leisureinspired inventions. German engineer Karl Benz produced the first petrol-driven car in 1885 and the British motor industry started in 1896. Henry Ford was the first to use assembly line production for his Model T car in 1908. Like them or hate them, cars have given people great freedom of travel.











### Photography (Early 19<sup>th</sup> Century)

Leonardo da Vinci had described the camera obscura photographic principle as early as 1515. But it was not until 1835 that Frenchman Louis Daguerre produced camera photography. The system was gradually refined over the years, to the joy of happy snappers and the despair of those who had to wade through friends` endless holiday pictures.



#### Telephone (1876)

Edinburgh-born scientist Alexander Graham Bell patented his invention of the telephone in 1876. The following year, the great American inventor Tomas Edison produced the fist working telephone. With telephones soon becoming rapidly available, the days of letter-writing became numbered.













## Computer (20<sup>th</sup> Century)

The computer has been another life-transforming invention. British mathematician Charles Babbage designed a form of computer in the mid-1830s, but it was not until more than a century later that theory was put into practice. Now, a whole generation has grown up with calculators, windows, icons, computer games and word processors, and the Internet and e-mail have transformed communication and information.



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