

GREAT INVENTIONS IN HISTORY

Exploring inventions that have made people's lives easier, in big or small ways

COURSE #:

22F-GIH

FORMAT:

Seminar

MODERATOR:

Jane McMurrich

DATE & TIME:

Tues - 1:30 - 3:30 PM

9 Weeks

Starting 9/27/2022

LOCATION:

Zoom

Online Only

MAX NO. OF PARTICIPANTS:

18

AUDITORS

ACCEPTED:

Yes

MAX NO. OF AUDITORS:

2

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this seminar is to learn about inventions, no matter how simple, that have made particular tasks easier throughout history.

DESCRIPTION:

In this seminar we will learn of practical inventions that have simplified various tasks. The invention might be just one item (like the Post-It Note) or it might be a series of inventions that facilitated one task (like different methods of measuring time over the centuries). Examples of inventions might be the wheel, the radio, gunpowder, the printing press. Examples of a series of inventions might be different ways to fasten a garment (buttons, zippers) or different ways to hear music (records, tapes, CDs).

ROLE OF PARTICIPANTS:

Participants will select an invention (possibly two) and prepare a presentation to describe it to fellow participants. Presentations should describe how people dealt with the task before the invention, the steps that led up to the innovation, and the impact it has had on the world. It is expected that all participants will join in a discussion of the topic after the presentation.

ABOUT THE MODERATOR:

The moderator is a former science teacher who has been participating in 5CLIR for 4 years.