

Simple and Complex Machines Which Changed History Research Topics (Gr. 4-8)

For one of these inventions, write a short essay about how the invention might have influenced the course of history. Be sure to describe what types of simple machines are used in the invention.

chariot ,wheelbarrow

clock

bow and arrow

water wheel for mill

knife, axe, chisel

door hinge

‘block’ (pulley) on sailing ship

coil spring on clock, toy, or mousetrap

pliers

scissors

nail

screw

propeller (for boat or airplane)