

Travel by rail revolutionizes land transportation. British engineer Richard Trevithick invents the first steam locomotive in 1804, but it is 1825 before railroads haul passengers. Subways provide a new way to get around in ever-more-crowded cities. The world's first underground railway opens in London in 1863. By 1904, New York City inaugurates its first rapid-transit subways.



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Henry Ford's moving assembly line makes cars affordable to the masses. Ford produces the first Model T in 1908. In 1964, the sporty Ford Mustang rolls out at \$2,368 and sets an all-time record for first-year sales of a new model.

1913) First drive-in gas 1927 Lindbergh flies Hindenberg **Humans first** 1976 Supersonic 1961 1983 *Pioneer 10* 1997 Pathfinder station opens. solo, nonstop zeppelin crashes. orbit Earth. spacecraft leaves and Solourner passenger over Atlantic. flight begins. solar system. explore Mars. Cleveland, Ohio, Jet airline McDonald's Parking NASA develops "Chunnel" links Piloted balloon nioneers meters appear. nassenger starts drivespace shuttle. U.K. to France. circles globe nonstop. 1914 traffic lights. 1952) service begins. through service.

On her maiden voyage, the great steam passenger ship *Titanic*, thought to be unsinkable, goes down after hitting an iceberg in the North Atlantic. Of the more than 2,200 persons aboard the ship, about 1.500 perish.



Freeways change the nature and pace of travel in America. In 1956, President Eisenhower authorizes construction of the Interstate Highway System. By the 1990s, this nationwide network includes more than 42,500 miles of highways.

Man walks on the moon.
Apollo 11 astronauts
Neil Armstrong and
Buzz Aldrin plant the
American flag 238,000
miles from Earth as an
estimated 600 million
people on Earth watch
on television.



First built in 1903, the Harley-Davidson becomes America's best-known motorcycle in the 1950s. Raw power and a distinctive rumble appeal to rebels of the 1950s and 1960s and to business executives of the 1990s.



Orbital construction of the International Space Station (ISS) begins in 1998 when space shuttle *Endeavor* crew members connect the station's first two sections. ISS is to become the largest cooperative space mission in history.