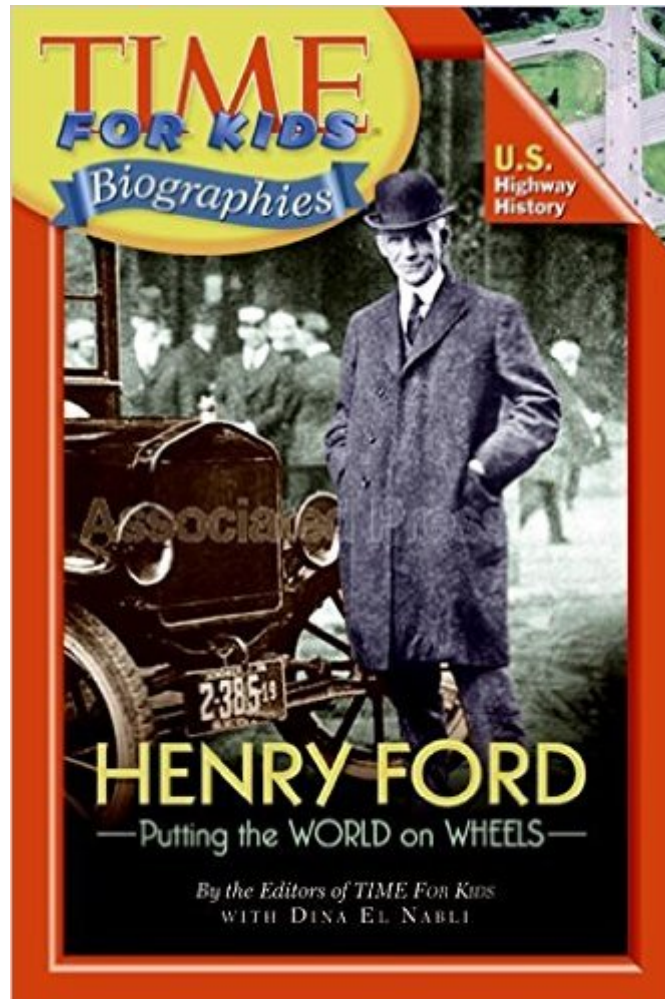


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# Time For Kids: Henry Ford (Time For Kids Biographies)



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As a young boy, Henry Ford was fascinated by technology and how objects worked. His childhood interests led him to leave the Ford family farm in Michigan in search of a career with machinery, and the rest is automotive and economic history. TIME For Kids® Biographies help make a connection between the lives of past heroes and the events of today. Henry Ford made cars affordable, turning them into the primary means of travel for Americans. His innovations, including the assembly line, are still benefiting us today.

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from nine hours to eight. According to Ford, "The five dollar day was the greatest cost-cutting move I ever made" as company doubled its profits from \$30-million in 1914 to \$60-million two years later. How important is Henry Ford? It is difficult to think of another business leader who had a greater impact on his nation's economy, indeed on the societies and economies of other nations throughout the Americas, the UK, Europe, and Asia in which the dream of possessing an affordable automobile became a reality. Young people need to understand how Ford helped to develop "a car for everyone," the subject of Chapter 5. They also need to understand how Ford's contributions helped to create "a new middle class," the subject of Chapter 6. These and other subjects (e.g. the development of an interstate highway system as well as the transition from an agricultural economy to an industrial economy and the consequent population shifts that substantially increased the population of metropolitan areas) are all worthy of additional study.

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