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The Historical Impact of the Telegraph - Process Paper

The historical development and advancements of the Telegraph have driven novation with how we socialize worldwide, addressing long-distance, fast and travel free communication issues.

How did you choose your topic, and how does it relate to the annual theme?

I've decided to go with historical technology, specifically the telegraph. I've chosen this because I have a fascination with technology, and would like to see more credit given to those that lay down the foundational layer of many devices in use today. The telegraph was developed in the 1830s through 1840s by Samuel Morse. The telegraph was only able to use a series of beeps to transmit a message also known as "Morse Code" named after Samuel Morse himself.

How did you conduct your research?

My primary method of the research consisted of searching the internet for supporting information. Once I was able to gather enough data, I had to develop my own personal thoughts and organize the data to fit my narrative.

How did you create your project?

I've decided to reach out to my family, more specifically my father for assistance in creating and publishing a website for this project. My father agreed to do so, as long as I provided the data and assisted with the HTML writing.

What is your historical argument?

My historical argument is based on the technological advancement of the telegraph made in the mid-1800s. I would like to draw emphasis on the importance of the telegraph specifically and how it left an imprint on the world even to this day. In what ways is your topic significant in history? The telegraph revolutionized long-distance communication with its ability to travel a great distance in a very short amount of time. The telegraph gained wireless functionality in the late 1800s and became commercialized in 1897 by a company called Wireless Telegraph and Signal Co. Ltd. This technology became widely used on ships and more famously Titanic.