

TOP TEN SIMPLE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION THAT CHANGED THE WORLD.



THE CABLE CAR

August 1st, 1873, nervous men boarded Andrew Smith Hallidie's San Francisco cable car. It descended 307 feet to the base of its 2800-foot track, arriving safely.

FLYING MACHINES

The desire to fly: catalyst to a number of unsuccessful inventions. These attempts paved the way for future discoveries in flight.



THE BOAT

Its origin is as foggy as travelled waters. For over ten thousand years, the invention of the boat still holds water.



THE BICYCLE

1861: Pierre and Ernest Michaux, a French father and son team of carriage-makers, invent the first pedal and crank bicycle.



DOG SLED

When travel and survival required efficiency, dog-powered sleighs came in handy for traversing Canada's icy northern landscape.

RICKSHAWS

First seen in Japan circa 1868, rickshaws were a popular mode of transportation. Given that human labour was cheaper than horses, the trend caught on.



THE SKATEBOARD

Attach roller-skate wheels to a plank of wood and you have sidewalk surfing; the cool way to get from A to B.



THE CONESTOGA WAGON

Introduced by Mennonite German settlers, the first Conestoga wagons appeared in Pennsylvania around 1750.



SNOWSHOES

Long before their use for recreation, snowshoes were an integral element of survival for many North American tribes.

THE STEAM LOCOMOTIVE

Richard Trevithick's combination of steam power and locomotion delivered perspective to the future of railroading.

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