



Automation & Robotics Virtual Learning

7th & 8th

What is Engineering Review

Day 1

April 21st, 2020



PLTW: Automation & Robotics
Lesson: What is Engineering Day 1 [April 21st]

Objective/Learning Target:

Students will review their knowledge STEM, wants, needs, inventions, and innovations.

Warm-up

*To complete the Warm-up, notes, and questions electronically, click [here](#)

Don't Forget! This week and next week we will be reviewing our knowledge of Gear Ratios and unit 1.1 What is Engineering. We will alternate every other day.

Today we are going to review what we learned in Unit 1.1 What is Engineering.

We know that our PLTW classes are focused on STEM. STEM stands for?
Can't remember? Watch this [video](#)

Do you think it's important to be able to use knowledge from more than one subject at a time?

Explain your answer

Notes

As you work through today's lesson, use the focused notes on pages 5 and 6 to take notes over the different concepts we will be reviewing.

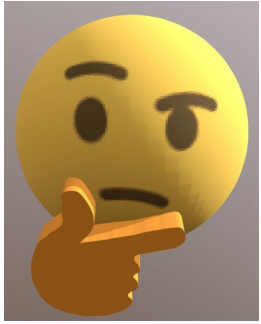
Makes sure your notes are in your own words and include important ideas and concepts from the lesson.

Questions/Main Ideas:

Summary/Reflection

Engineering

We know that engineers use all parts of STEM to create new products/systems and improve existing technology.



Oh yeah, what is technology? Is it the same thing as science?

Give an example of Technology
(insert/draw a picture)

Give an example of Science
(insert/draw a picture)

Wants vs Needs

We also know that engineers create new things and improve on existing things to fulfill society's wants and needs.

What's the difference between a want and a need? (Give two examples of each).

Needs

1. _____

2. _____

Wants

1. _____

2. _____

Wants vs Needs (continued)



Is toilet paper a need or a want?

Why?

Ask someone in your home if they believe if toilet paper is a want or a need
Add their answer here:

Did your answers match? (circle one) Yes No Sort of

Is it possible for something to be both a want and a need?

Explain your answer

Innovations and Inventions

In fulfilling know society's wants and needs, engineers must use as parts of STEM to create, analyze, improve and conceive all types of technology.

Engineers must invent - creating something new that has never existed before.

Examples: paper, steam powered engines, pens, phone.

Engineers must also innovate - improve on an existing technology.

Examples: colored paper, gas powered engines, pencils, cell phones.

Inventions and Innovations can be physical products or systems.

For example, the assembly line created by Henry Ford to mass produce automobiles, an assembly line had never existed before.

(Want to learn more about the assembly line? Check this [webpage](#) out)

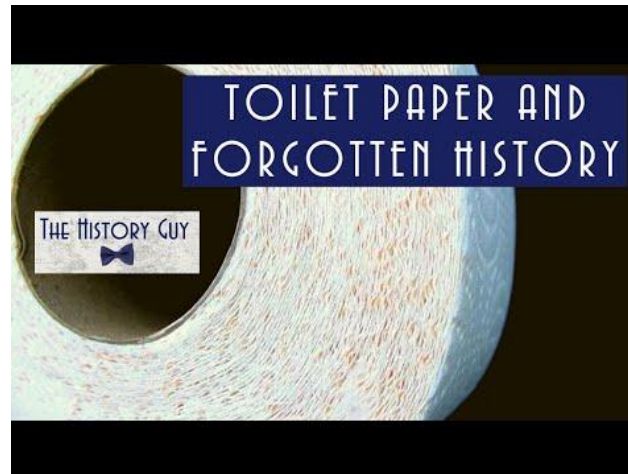
Invention, Innovation or Both



Is toilet paper an INVENTION INNOVATION or BOTH? (circle one)

Explain your answer

Have there been any innovations or inventions to toilet paper?



[Link to video](#)

Extend Your Learning

Can you think of a time when you had to use knowledge from two different subjects to solve a problem/do a task?

What were the two subjects?

Could you have solved the problem without knowledge of one of the subjects?

Do you think subjects like history are important to inventing and innovation?

Why or why not?
