

Social Science: Standard B.8.8
By the end of Grade 8
HISTORY: Time, Continuity, and Change

Content Standard

Students in Wisconsin will learn about the history of Wisconsin, the United States, and the world, examining change and continuity over time in order to develop historical perspective, explain historical relationships, and analyze issues that affect the present and the future.

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Identify major scientific discoveries and technological innovations and describe their social and economic effects on society

Activity: Students will describe the technological innovation of headphones and describe their effect on society.

Directions: Read the following information about the innovation of headphones. Then write a response describing the technological advancement of the headphones and their effects on society today. Feel free to draw on information from the following information or from your own personal experiences.

In 1958 John C. Koss invented personal listening with the world's first SP/3 stereophone (headphones).

In 1962 the Pro/4 was released, and in 1969 Air Force 1 was outfitted with Pro/4 headphones at every seat including the staff, press, and presidential quarters.

In 1970 the Pro/4 AA set the standard for full size professional headphones. It was regarded as the first dynamic headphone to deliver true full frequency and high fidelity performance with impressive noise isolating capabilities

In 1974 Koss released the HV/1A. The HV/1A was the first dynamic headphone capable of reproducing all 10 audible octaves.

In 1984 the Koss Porta Pro set performance and comfort standards for portable, personal listening



SP/3 Headphone



Pro 4



Pro /4 AA



HV/1A



Koss Porta Pro