

Process Paper

I have been exposed to airplanes ever since I was very young. My dad is an aerospace engineer so he loves teaching my brother and me about airplanes. That is what triggered my interest and passion for airplanes. When I was young, my family and I visited the National Air and Space Museum in Washington D.C., NASA in Houston, and we went to Miramonte to watch the airshow every year. When I first heard about picking an NHD topic, I knew this was the topic for me because I always wanted to learn more about airplanes and how they evolved over the years. Also, I would like to learn more about how airplanes affected the history of the world.

At first, I went onto websites on the internet to start gathering the information I needed for my project. Most of the websites that I first went on were secondary sources, meaning that the website was made recently instead of the time of the event. After researching and gathering a lot of information from the secondary sources, I moved on to primary sources. A lot of the primary sources were letters from the Wright Brothers to their dad, and others were descriptions of the Wright Brothers' life when they were younger. There were also many reports written by elementary school kids based on the airship raids over London. This helped me get a better understanding of what their life was like and how they communicated with each other. I also visited the Planes of Fame Air Museum in Chino where many WWI fighter airplanes are displayed.

I decided to create a website because it would allow me to show the pictures of all the different airplanes that evolved over the years. The titles and subtitles also helped me organize my work so that it would be easy to follow. Choosing a website also means that I am able to incorporate my computer knowledge into this project. At first, I planned out my project by

putting all of my ideas down either on to Microsoft Word or PowerPoint. Then, after editing it to make it the way I wanted it, I pasted it on to the website.

The invention of the airplane ties to the theme in many ways. Without the airplane, people would not be able to explore around the world and make the new discoveries that we all know today. However, airplanes were not always used in a good way, as people encountered their own cities being destroyed during war. The invention also sparked the exchanges of ideas as scientists and aviation experts around the world attempted to improve and innovate upon the Wright Brothers' original airplane. Airplanes eventually lead to the exchange of goods, ideas, religion, and other new discoveries that were important to the world.