

**1863**

Born July 30th near Dearborn, Michigan

**1882**

Builds a homemade tractor

**1902**

Buys his boyhood farm

**1903**

Forms the Ford Motor Company

# 1908

Introduces the Model T—an affordable,  
easy-to-drive car

# 1913

Introduces the assembly line to  
speed up production

1914

Raises factory workers' pay to  
five dollars a day

**1917-1964**  
Sells Fordson tractors



# 1929

Creates a chemical lab at Greenfield Village;  
The Great Depression begins

**1931**

Chooses the soybean for further research

1932

Plants eight thousand acres of soybeans

1934

Uses soybean-based paint on cars  
for the first time

# 1935

Boasts that “a bushel of soybeans goes  
into every car”

**1936**

Moves soy oil extraction from lab to Ford manufacturing plant at River Rouge

# 1937

Grows more than 20,000 acres of soybeans in southern Michigan  
and processes 12,000,000 pounds of soybeans

# 1940

Demonstrates the strength of  
soybean plastic panels with an ax



# 1941

Introduces the plastic car on August 13<sup>th</sup> in Dearborn, Michigan; United States enters WWII on December 7th

1947

Dies on April 7<sup>th</sup>, at age 83

## Key Historical Event Captions

Hang each of these captions below the correct year and photo on the classroom timeline.

**The Second Industrial  
Revolution**

**The Great Depression  
Begins**

**Pearl Harbor;  
The U.S. enters WWII**