

Leisure Time

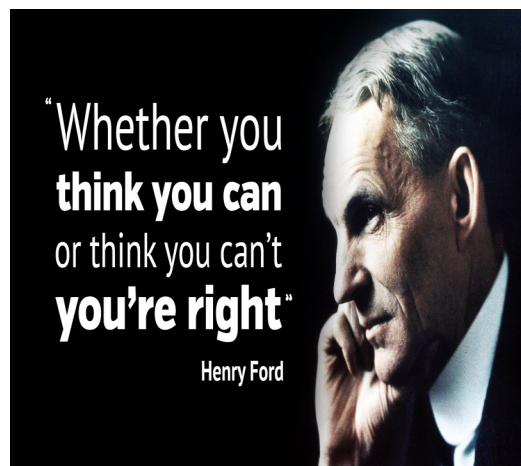
During the late 1800s and the early 1900s, people began to have more leisure time because of new technologies and shorter work days. People began spending their free time going to trolley parks, going to sporting events, and attending Vaudeville acts.



During this time period, books were becoming more and more popular and cheaper so more people were learning to read. One of the new forms of entertainment was the Newspaper. William Randolph Hearst and Joseph Pulitzer transformed the newspaper into a form of entertainment by adding sensational stories that stretched the truth, whole sections devoted to sports and other entertainments, and illustrated stories called comics.

Henry Ford

Henry Ford made many contributions to the automobile industry. He introduced the 5-day work week, he guaranteed most of his workers 5 dollars a day, and he established assembly lines to produce cars quicker and cheaper than his competitors.



Because Ford was able to produce cars cheaper, more people could afford to buy the cars. Because so many people were buying cars, the way the country ran changed dramatically! Highways were paved to make travel on roads easier. People began to work, shop, and go to school further from home. Suburbs and shopping malls flourished.