

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will have a better understanding of the Carousel of Progress and its significance in history.

Materials and Prep

- Computer or tablet with internet access
- Paper and pencil
- Optional: Printer to print out activity sheets

Prior knowledge required: Basic understanding of the concept of time and technology.

Activities

1. Watch the Carousel of Progress video

Find and watch a video of the Carousel of Progress. Pay attention to the different time periods depicted and how technology changes throughout the show.

2. Create a timeline

Using the information from the Carousel of Progress, create a timeline of the different time periods shown in the attraction. Include major technological advancements or changes in each period.

3. Draw your own scene

Choose one of the time periods from the Carousel of Progress and draw a scene depicting what life was like during that time. Include the technology and any other details that make it unique.

4. Write a script

Pretend you are a character in the Carousel of Progress and write a short script for a scene. Imagine what you would say about the technological advancements of that time period.

5. Discussion with family

Talk to your family members about the technological changes they have witnessed in their lifetime. Ask them about their favorite inventions and how they have impacted their lives.

Talking Points

- **Time periods:** The Carousel of Progress shows different time periods, such as the 1900s, 1920s, 1940s, and 1960s. Each period represents a different era in history and shows how technology evolved over time.
- **Technological advancements:** In each time period, new inventions and technologies were introduced to make people's lives easier. For example, in the 1900s, electricity and the telephone were significant advancements.
- **Changes in everyday life:** As technology improved, people's daily lives changed. They had access to new appliances, entertainment, and transportation methods. Discuss how these changes impacted people's routines and leisure activities.
- **Importance of progress:** The Carousel of Progress highlights the importance of progress and innovation. It shows how advancements in technology have shaped society and improved our

quality of life.