**Invention Project (worth 50 points)**

For this project, groups of three to four students will be given one invention from the early 1800s to research and present for 2-5 minutes on Friday April 4th. The four inventions that you could be given include the steam locomotive, steamboat, mechanical reaper, and cotton gin. This project will be similar in nature to the Presidential Skit you did a few weeks ago. You need to come up with a skit, game show, PowerPoint presentation, or other creative way of presenting the information to the class. Here is a list of resources below that will help you in creating your presentation.

* *Our America* textbook
* Big Blue Textbook
* Cotton Gin- <http://www.history.com/topics/inventions/cotton-gin-and-eli-whitney>
* Steamboat- <http://www.americaslibrary.gov/jb/nation/jb_nation_fitch_1.html>
* Mechanical Reaper- <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/theymadeamerica/whomade/mccormick_hi.html>
* Steam locomotive- <http://www.uh.edu/engines/epi835.htm>
* All inventions- <http://web.mit.edu/invent/i-archive.html>
* All inventions- PBS

I will hand each group a slip of paper with the essential amount of information on each invention you have include in your presentation. I will also provide each group a rubric on what is expected of you in order to do well on this project. Feel free to ask me any questions while you are preparing your presentation and I will be walking around class to assist you in designing your presentation.