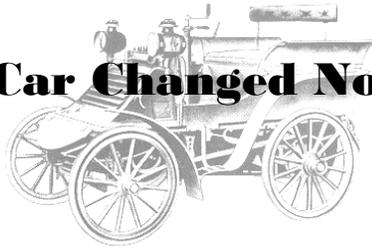


How the Car Changed North Carolina



A Worksheet Prepared for Use with *North Carolina Maps*: <http://www.lib.unc.edu/dc/ncmaps/>

1. From your reading, name three important ways the invention of the automobile changed the lives of people living in America:

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

2. Go to the *NC Maps* Web site: <http://dc.lib.unc.edu/u/?ncmaps,341>

This is a map from 1872 showing railroad paths through North Carolina. Towns shown in bold along the railroad tracks were most easily traveled to. For each of the towns below, **circle** the name if it was accessible by railroad.

Asheville

Greensborough

Winston

Ashborough

Wadesborough

Charlotte

Greenville

Wilmington

3. The more railroad tracks that ran through a town, the bigger the town was. Name the two biggest towns in North Carolina in 1872.

a. _____ b. _____

4. Go to the *NC Maps* Web site: <http://dc.lib.unc.edu/u/?ncmaps,937>

This is a map from 1920 showing highways paved or cut through North Carolina. The lines on the map are the roads, and the bigger the name of the town, the bigger the town was. Name three towns that people could use roads to get to that they couldn't take a train to in 1872.

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

5. Just like with railroads, the bigger the town was, the more roads led in and out of it. According to the 1920 map, what are the two biggest towns in 1920?

a. _____ b. _____

6. Why do you think Asheville is so much bigger on the 1920 map than the 1872 map? What do people usually go to Asheville for?

7. How did the invention of the automobile change the lives of people in North Carolina? Where could they travel that they couldn't before? What towns prospered because people had cars?