6th Grade Expository: World's Fair Inventions

Task Prompt: Write an expository article to develop a thesis/controlling idea to explain the impact of the 1893 World's Fair. Using more than one source, select the most relevant information to support your thesis/controlling idea.

Chicago Fair

The 1893 Chicago World Fair is sure to have impacted many people, but what exactly impacted them? Well. lets take a look inside the fair and see.

First, there were many inventions which have never been seen before. things like the dishwasher and zipper, which are still used today! A big reason that people crone to the fair is because a brand new invention that could have greatly impacted people, and that invention is the ferris wheel. The ferris wheel was introduced at the world fair, and has been very popular ever since. And there were also some very interesting inventors at the fair too. Inventers such as Milton Hershey, selling his chocolate bars, and HJ Heinz, who interestingly started by selling pickles.

Next, lighting likely impacted many visitors, and was the cause of many to come too. During the time of the fair, electric lighting was fairly new, so the idea of the fair being lit by electricity was very exciting. Thomas Edison, inventor of the lightbulb, wanted to be the one to light the fair. But Edison sadly lost the chnce to two other inventors with progress in electricity and lighting, Nichola Tesla and George Westinghouse. But, a impactful piece of Eison's was located in the ecectricity building, his 82-foot-tall Towr of Light, it was made with 18,000 bulbs!

Finally, the whole reason of the fair could have definetly had an impact on a great number of people. Some think the reason of the fair is The Great Chicago Fire, happening 22 yaers before the fair in 1871. They thought it was the cities way of showing off the new Chicago, as the city has made great progress in rebuilding. Others think the fair was meant to celebrate Industrial Revolution, which was the movement from making things by hand to producing things n factories, this was a big step forward. But, the offical reason of the fair may be special to some, but not as impacting sa the other reasons, and that is the celebration of the 400th anniversary of Columbus's arrival in America.

So what was so impacting about Chicago World Fair of 1893? It could have been the invention or inventors, maybe the fasination of the lighting, or even the reason thr fair took place! You decide, there are many ways the fair could have impacted people, you can learn more about Chicago's 1893 World Fair by researching and putting together a project or report of your own!